

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 47
**A CHARTER ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE,
KANSAS, EXEMPTING THE CITY FROM THE PROVISIONS OF
K.S.A 12-1697(a) AND (d), AND AMENDMENTS THERETO,
PERTAINING TO A TRANSIENT GUEST TAX LEVY,
PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON
THE SAME SUBJECT, AND REPEALING EXISTING CHARTER
ORDINANCE NO. 39.**

WHEREAS, Charter Ordinance No. 39 exempts the City of Lawrence, Kansas, from the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1697 (a) and (d), and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrence, Kansas, now desires, by way of this Charter Ordinance, to increase the transient guest tax from six percent (6.0%), as established under Charter Ordinance No. 39, to eight percent (8.0%). and to repeal existing Charter Ordinance No. 39.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The City of Lawrence, Kansas, a city of the first class, duly organized, created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, pursuant to the authority of Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas hereby elects to and does exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1697 (a) and (d), and amendments thereto. K.S.A. 12-1697 is part of an enactment that does not apply uniformly to all cities.

SECTION 2. In substitution of the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1697(a) and (d), and amendments thereto, the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, hereby adopts the following provisions:

A transient guest tax shall be levied in the City of Lawrence, Kansas, of eight percent (8.0%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid directly or through an accommodations broker by transient guests for sleeping accommodations, exclusive of charges for incidental services or facilities, in any hotel, motel, or tourist court.

SECTION 3. The Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, shall review and reevaluate the efficacy of the transient guest tax rate established by this Charter Ordinance at an open public meeting in January, 2029, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

SECTION 4. Upon the effective date of this Charter Ordinance, Charter Ordinance No. 39 is hereby repealed in its entirety, it being the intent of the Governing Body that the provisions of this Charter Ordinance shall supersede and replace repealed Charter Ordinance No. 39.

SECTION 5. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks as provided by law.

SECTION 6. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held as provided in Section 5(c)(3) of Article 12 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case the Charter Ordinance shall only be effective if approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.

SECTION 7. Upon this Charter Ordinance becoming effective, the City Clerk shall record the Charter Ordinance, with a statement describing the manner of passage, in the City Ordinance book and shall forward to the Kansas Secretary of State a certified copy of this Charter Ordinance.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, with not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body voting in favor thereof, this 9th day of September, 2025.

APPROVED:

/s/ Michael Dever

Michael Dever

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherri Riedemann
Sherri Riedemann
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Toni R. Wheeler
Toni R. Wheeler
City Attorney