**ORDINANCE NO. [\_\_\_\_]**
**AN ORDINANCE OF WEBER COUNTY, UTAH,** **INCREASING THE TRANSIENT ROOM TAX RATETO 4.5% ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED BY UTAH CODE § 59-12-301(1)(a)(ii)**

**WHEREAS**, the Utah Legislature has amended Utah Code § 59-12-301 via HB 456 (2025 Gen. Session), effective July 1, 2025, authorizing counties of the second through sixth class to impose a transient room tax (TRT) on charges for accommodations and services described in Utah Code § 59-12-103(1)(i) at a rate not to exceed 4.5% beginning on or after July 1, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, Weber County is a county of the second class that has already imposed this tax at the previous maximum rate of 4.25% and now desires to increase the rate to the new maximum allowable rate in order to promote tourism and mitigate the impacts of recreation and visitor use;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commission of Weber County, Utah, as follows:

**SECTION 1. IMPOSITION OF TRANSIENT ROOM TAX.**

Pursuant to Utah Code § 59-12-301(1)(a)(ii), Weber County hereby imposes a transient room tax at the rate of **4.5%** on charges for accommodations and services described in Utah Code § 59-12-103(1)(i), including short-term rentals of tourist homes, hotels, motels, trailer courts, and similar accommodations. This is an increase of .25% to the currently imposed 4.25%.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2025, in accordance with the notice and implementation requirements of Utah Code § 59-12-301(4).

The Clerk/Auditor’s office is directed to publish a short summary of this ordinance in the *Standard Examiner* newspaper within 15 days after the date of its passage.

**SECTION 3. USE OF REVENUE.**

Revenue collected from this tax shall be used exclusively for the purposes authorized in Utah Code § 17-31-2(3), including but not limited to:

* Establishing and promoting tourism, recreation, film production, and conventions;
* Acquiring, constructing, or maintaining tourism- or recreation-related facilities and infrastructure;
* Mitigating impacts of recreation, tourism, and conventions through support for emergency services, law enforcement, road repair, and solid waste management;
* Making payments for bonds issued for such purposes.

The portion of the tax authorized under § 59-12-301(1)(a)(ii) and enacted by this ordinance shall remain with the county and is not subject to the expenditure limitations or required distributions set forth in Utah Code § 59-28-103.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 5. ADOPTION.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Weber County Commission.

 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

 OF WEBER COUNTY

By\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sharon Bolos, Chair

 Commissioner Bolos voted \_\_\_\_\_\_

 Commissioner Froerer voted \_\_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Harvey voted \_\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Ricky Hatch, CPA

Weber County Clerk/Auditor

**SUMMARY OF WEBER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE OF WEBER COUNTY INCREASING THE TRANSIENT ROOM TAX RATE TO 4.5% ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS OF ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED BY UTAH CODE § 59-12-301(1)(a)(ii)

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Board of County Commissioners of Weber County adopted Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which increases the rate of the transient room tax from 4.25% to 4.5%, effective October 1, 2025.

Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ voted in favor of this ordinance.

(If applicable) Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ voted against this ordinance.

The complete text of the ordinance is available at the Weber County Clerk/Auditors Office at 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah.