



# CITY OF UTQIAGVIK

*"Farthest North Incorporated City"*

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## ORDINANCE 05-2017

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UTQIAGVIK INCREASING THE HOTEL ROOM TAX RATE FROM 5% TO 10% AND PROVIDING FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE INCREASE

**WHEREAS** Chapter 4.21 of the City of Utqiagvik Code of Ordinances ("the Code") provide for a hotel room tax; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council wishes to amend the hotel room tax to increase the rates imposed under the current Code; and

**WHEREAS** state law requires that this rate increase must be approved by City voters;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Utqiagvik, Alaska, that:

**SECTION 1. Classification.** Except as provided in the next sentence of this Section, Sections 2 of this ordinance is permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Code whereas Section 4 of this ordinance is not permanent in nature and shall not be incorporated into the Code. Further, the increases in the tax rate shall not be incorporated into the Code unless the voters approve them at the October 3, 2017 general election.

### **SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 4.21.020 of the Code.**

Section 4.21.020 of the Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined):

**A.** There is levied on hotel room rentals to guests or transients a tax of five ten percent of the room rent.

**B.** Each guest is responsible for the hotel room tax imposed by this chapter, and the tax shall be due and payable at the time the rent is paid.

### **SECTION 3. Election to Consider Increase In Hotel Room Tax Rate**

The City Clerk shall place the following proposition on the ballot at the Municipal Election to be held on October 3, 2017 for the voters of the City of Utqiagvik.

**City of Utqiagvik Proposition 2017-01**

**INCREASE IN HOTEL ROOM TAX RATE WITHIN THE CITY**

**Shall the Hotel Room Tax provided for in Chapter 4.21 of the City of Utqiagvik Code of Ordinances be increased from five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) for guests and transients within the City?**

**Yes**

**No**

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance becomes effective 01 December 2017 after the voters approve the tax increase provided for in Section 3.

**ENACTED THIS 27th DAY OF JULY 2017, BY A VOTE OF \_\_\_\_ IN FAVOR AND \_\_\_\_ OPPOSED.**

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Fannie Suvlu, Mayor

Attest:

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Angela A. Burnell, City Clerk