

## **Chapter 6B.140**

### **TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS**

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#### **6B.140.010 License required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, either as owner, lessor, lessee, manager, or agent, to conduct, keep, manage, or operate or cause to be kept, managed or operated, transient accommodations in the City without first obtaining a license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)

#### **6B.140.020 Definitions.**

“Adult hotel” means a transient accommodation that offers a guest room for rent for any period of time less than 10 hours or allows a person to sub-rent the guest room for a period of time that is less than 10 hours.

“Guest” means any person occupying or registered to occupy a lodging unit at a transient accommodation.

“Guest room” means an individual room or group of interconnected rooms, intended for sleeping that is for rent or use by a guest, and is individually designated by number, letter or other means of identification. A guest room may or may not include areas for cooking and eating.

“Transient accommodation” means any building or facility such as a hotel, motel, condominium, resort, bed and breakfast, short-term rental that meets the definition of TMC 13.06.700 or any other facility or place offering three or more guest rooms to persons to be used or which may be used for sleeping or living quarters by guests for periods of less than 30 days , except transient accommodation shall not include a short-term rental where the entire dwelling is rented.

(Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)

#### **6B.140.030 License fees.**

The license fees for a transient accommodation are hereby fixed as follows:

Transient Accommodation	\$50.00
Guest Room	\$ .50 each

(Ord. 27406 § 17; passed Aug. 30, 2005; Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)

#### **6B.140.040 Exemptions.**

This chapter shall not apply to those places where children, elderly persons, invalids, or convalescents are exclusively accommodated, or to those premises licensed as trailer camps or recreational vehicle parks.

(Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)

#### **6B.140.050 Record requirements.**

Every person operating or conducting any transient accommodation as defined herein shall at all times keep therein a register system which shall include the name and physical address of the person renting the guest room and all other names of the persons occupying or visiting a guest room . The owner or operator shall also require valid photo identification for all guests including those paying in cash, money order, traveler check or personal checks, or by

voucher at the time of registration. Such identification shall be in valid and current form issued by a governmental entity.

The operator of any transient accommodation shall keep a permanent record of all reservations made for and on behalf of any guest and a copy of guest photo identification taken at the time of registration. Registration records are to be retained for a period of three years and shall be open to inspection at all times by any police officer of the City or the State of Washington or other City official conducting official City business.

(Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)

**6B.140.060 Manager required on premises.**

Every person conducting, keeping, managing, or operating, or causing to be conducted, kept, managed, or operated, any transient accommodation shall have a manager or person in charge of said transient accommodation present on the premises of said transient accommodation at all times that the same is being conducted, operated, and maintained. Said manager or person in charge shall be screened for civil and criminal background information by a company that is licensed with the City prior to being employed at any transient accommodation licensed hereunder.

(Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)

**6B.140.070 Prohibited use of transient accommodation.**

No person in charge of any transient accommodation, either as owner, agent, manager, clerk, , or employee or in any other capacity, shall use, permit, or suffer to be used the transient accommodation or any portion thereof for the purpose of an adult hotel, prostitution; the illegal manufacture, possession, sale, distribution, or use of narcotics or dangerous drugs as designated or defined by TMC 8.28; or shall permit any fighting, boisterous conduct, or any other disorderly conduct therein.

(Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)

**6B.140.080 Guest room identification.**

Each guest room in a transient accommodation shall be identified in a plain and conspicuous manner by placing such identification, such as a number, letter or other method of identification on the outside door of each guest room, and no two guest rooms shall bear the same identification. In addition to this requirement, transient accommodations may be subject to TMC 8.45.080, which contains additional site hardening requirements.

(Ord. 27297 § 1; passed Nov. 23, 2004)