

ORDINANCE NO. 1935

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 94 "TAXATION", ARTICLE IV. "HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX"; TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL; TEXAS TAX CODE USES CATEGORIES REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Texas Tax Code authorizes the governing body nine categories of use of Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockport amending the Ordinance in 1992 and 2010 amend the wording of its ordinance to provide procedures and categories for the City's Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recommends amendments to allow more options for the uses of Hotel Occupancy Tax with the intent to bring more tourism to the City and benefit the economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

Section 94-95 Use of Revenue by adding the following Texas Tax Code, Sections 351.101 and 351.014, uses categories:

Signage directing tourists to sights and attractions that are visited frequently by hotel guests in the municipality.

Funding certain expenses, including promotional expenses, directly related to a sporting event within counties with a population of under 1 million.

SECTION 2. REPEALER

Any previously adopted ordinances, and any subsequent amendments to them, which are in conflict with this Ordinance, are all hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is, for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no portion hereof, or provisions or regulations contained herein, shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable for that purpose.