

**BOROUGH OF LEONIA
ORDINANCE 2026-10**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND IMPOSING AN OCCUPANCY TAX ON CERTAIN
RENTALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48F-1, the Borough of Leonia may impose a tax not exceeding 3% on charges of rent for every occupancy of hotel rooms or transient accommodations obtained through a transient accommodation marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia have reviewed the matter and determined that it is appropriate, and in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Leonia, that the Borough of Leonia impose a Municipal Occupancy Tax consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:48F-1, et seq.,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose; statutory authority.

It is the purpose of this section to implement the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:48F-1 et seq., as amended by P.L. 2018, c. 49, which authorizes the governing body of a municipality to adopt an ordinance imposing a tax at a uniform percentage rate not to exceed 3% on charges of rent for every occupancy of a room or rooms in a hotel or transient accommodation, subject to taxation pursuant to Subsection (d) of N.J.S.A. 54:32B-3, which shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the occupancy of a hotel room or transient accommodation. The definitions of "transient accommodation", "transient space marketplace", "obtained through a transient space marketplace" and "professionally managed unit" in N.J.S.A. 54:32B-2(ggg) through (jjj) are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Tax established.

There is hereby established an occupancy tax which shall be fixed at a uniform percentage rate of 3% on charges of rent for every occupancy of a hotel or motel room or transient accommodation in the Borough of Leonia that is subject to taxation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:32B-3d.

Section 3. Tax is in addition to other taxes and fees.

The Municipal Occupancy Tax shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the occupancy of a hotel room or transient accommodation.

Section 4. Exemptions.

The Municipal Occupancy Tax authorized herein shall not be imposed on the rent for an occupancy if the purchaser, user, or consumer is an entity exempt from the tax imposed on an occupancy under the Sales and Use Tax Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:32B-9. Furthermore, a "transient accommodation" subject to this tax include those entities defined as "transient

accommodations" in N.J.S.A. 54:32B-2 and shall not include those entities excluded from that definition.

Section 5. Regulations pertaining to vendors, violations, and penalties.

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:48F-2:

- A. All taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be paid by the purchaser.
- B. A vendor shall not assume or absorb any tax imposed by this ordinance.
- C. A vendor shall not in any manner advertise or hold out to any person or to the public in general, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that the tax will be assumed or absorbed by the vendor, that the tax will not be separately charged and stated to the customer, or that the tax will be refunded to the customer.
- D. Each assumption or absorption by a vendor of the tax shall be deemed a separate offense, and each representation or advertisement by a vendor for each day that the representation or advertisement continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- E. Penalties as fixed in the ordinance, for the violation of foregoing provisions.

Section 6. Collection of tax.

The tax imposed by this article shall be collected on behalf of Borough of Leonia by the person collecting the rent from the hotel or motel or transient accommodation customer. Each person required to collect the tax herein imposed shall be personally liable for the tax imposed, collected or required to be collected hereunder. Any such person shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from a customer as if the tax were a part of the rent and payable at the same time; provided that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Leonia shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax.

Section 7. Repealer.

All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 8. Severability.

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 9. Transmission to State and Effective Date.

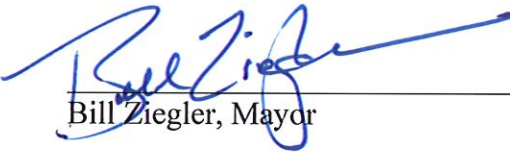
A copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted upon adoption or amendment to the New Jersey Division of Taxation, Office of Legislative Analysis, P.O. Box 240, Trenton, NJ 08695-0240. The tax provisions of this Ordinance will be effective on the first day of the first full month following 90 days after the Division has received the adopted ordinance.

RECORD OF VOTE


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Council	First Reading						Second Reading					
	March 2, 2026						March 16, 2026					
	M	S	Y	N	A	AB	M	S	Y	N	A	AB
Zeigler						✓			✓			
Grandelis						✓			✓			
Hesterbrink			✓	✓					✓			
Ravid		✓		✓					✓			
Scarangella				✓				✓	✓			
Terrell				✓			✓		✓			
Mayor Ziegler				

M - Motion S - Seconded Y- Yes N - No A - Abstain AB - Absent


 Bill Ziegler, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Jonathan Mandel, Borough Clerk