

2008-12-11-1162

AN ORDINANCE

**AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
BY PROHIBITING THE RENTAL OF HOTEL ROOMS
FOR PERIODS OF LESS THAN 12 HOURS.**

WHEREAS, currently, the City imposes no statutory limitation on hotels restricting the minimum amount of time a hotel room may be rented; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that allowing the rental of hotel for less than twelve hours facilitates the promotion of prostitution; and

WHEREAS, in order to impose such a limitation, it is necessary to amend Article IV of Chapter 15 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Article IV of Chapter 15 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended to add Section 15-84, which shall provide, in its entirety, as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any hotel or the owner or operator of any hotel in the city to rent, offer to rent, or register to a lodger any room for a period of less than twelve hours or to publish or advertise a rate for a room for a period of less than twelve hours. The rental of a room to a lodger for which a contractual agreement was made at least seven days prior to the lodger's arrival shall be excepted from the limitations established in this subsection.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of Article IV of Chapter 15 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk of the City of San Antonio is hereby directed to publish notice of this ordinance as required by the Charter of the City of San Antonio and the laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect five days following the date of the publication provided for above.

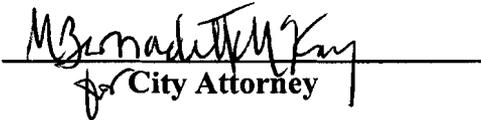
PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of December 2008.


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ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for City Attorney



Request for
**COUNCIL
ACTION**



Agenda Voting Results - 33

Name:	33
Date:	12/11/2008
Time:	06:10:56 PM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance amending the City Code of San Antonio, Texas by prohibiting the rental of hotel/motel rooms for periods of less than 12 hours. [Erik J. Walsh, Assistant City Manager; William P. McManus, Police Chief]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Phil Hardberger	Mayor		x				
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1		x				x
Sheila D. McNeil	District 2	x					
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x			x	
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x				
Lourdes Galvan	District 5		x				
Delicia Herrera	District 6		x				
Justin Rodriguez	District 7	x					
Diane G. Cibrian	District 8		x				
Louis E. Rowe	District 9		x				
John G. Clamp	District 10	x					