ORDINANCE NO. 99-29 AC CMS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 87-80 AC CMS WHICH LEVIED A TAX ON ALL SUMS OF MONEY USED TO PURCHASE TRANSIENT LODGINGS. WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO, IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CERTAIN OF THOSE FUNDS FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT OF SALARY AND WAGE EXPENSES; TO ENSURE GENDER NEUTRALITY IN ITS WORDING; AND TO EXTEND THE REQUIRED PERIOD OF PRESERVATION OF APPLICABLE RECORDS FROM FOUR (4) TO FIVE (5) YEARS

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 87-80 AC CMS levied what is commonly referred to as a "bed tax" upon monies received for the purchase of transient lodgings within the City of Oberlin, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, said Ordinance restricted the expenditure of said monies to promotion of the City by means of advertising, news coverage, posters, brochures and other promotional techniques; and,

WHEREAS, Oberlin City Council desires to expand the means of promotion of the City to include the authorization to expend such funds for wages and salaries; and,

WHEREAS, Oberlin City Council also desires to ensure that said "bed tax" Ordinance is gender neutral in its wording; and,

WHEREAS, Oberlin City Council desires to increase the period of retention of certain transaction records from four (4) to five (5) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Sections 1 and 3 of Ordinance No. 87-80 AC CMS be, and hereby are, amended to authorize the expenditure, pursuant to approved confract, of said transient lodging tax monies to promote Oberlin by the additional means of salary and wage expenses for the 1999, 2000, and 2001 calendar years in the following maximum amounts:

1999	\$15,000,	pro rata, beginning with the effective date of Ordinance No. 99-29 AC CMS
2000 2001	\$12,000 \$10,000	

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SECTION 2. That all references to "him" or "he" in said Ordinance No. 87-80 AC CMS, which refer to the Oberlin City Auditor, be, and hereby are, replaced by the term "Auditor" in order to ensure gender neutrality.

SECTION 3. That the provision in Section 9 of Ordinance No. 87-80 AC CMS, which requires the preservation of all records and documents relating to the collection and remittance of said transient lodging tax for a period of four (4) years be, and hereby is, amended to require that said records be preserved for a period of five (5) years from the date of remittance to the City of the tax due.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED:

1st Reading - April 19, 1999 (Amended)

2nd Reading - May 3, 1999

3rd Reading - May 17, 1999 (E)

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: May 18, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 18, 1999

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