

CHAPTER 6**HOTEL-MOTEL TAX**

6.01 DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise expressly stated or the context clearly indicates a different intention, the following terms shall, for the purpose of this Subchapter, have the following meanings:

1. "Hotel" and "Motel" means any hotel, motel, inn, public lodging house, rooming house or tourist court, or any place where sleeping accommodations are furnished to transient guests for rent, whether with or without meals, except the gross receipts from the renting of sleeping rooms in dormitories and in memorial unions of all State of Iowa universities and colleges.
2. "Renting" and "rent" means and includes any kind of direct or indirect charge for any room, apartment or sleeping quarter or the use thereof in a hotel or motel as defined in this Chapter.

6.02 TAX IMPOSED. A tax is hereby imposed upon the gross receipts from the renting of any and all rooms, apartments or sleeping quarters in any hotel or motel as defined in this Chapter, at the rate of seven percent (7%) of such gross receipts derived from the renting of a room, apartment or sleeping quarter while rented by the same person for a period of not more than thirty-one (31) consecutive days.

6.03 EFFECTIVE DATE. The tax established in Section 6.02 shall be imposed on and after April 1, 1985.

6.04 PAYMENT OF TAX. Such tax shall be paid as is provided in Code of Iowa, Chapter 422A and the proceeds of such tax shall be used for the purposes stated in Section 2, subsection 4 of said Act, to-wit:

"4. The revenue derived from any hotel and motel tax authorized by this Act shall be used a follows:

- (a) Each county or city which levies the tax shall spend at least fifty percent of the revenues derived therefrom for the acquisition of sites for, or constructing, improving, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operating, or maintaining of recreation, convention, cultural or entertainment facilities including but not limited to memorial buildings, halls and monuments, civic center convention buildings, auditoriums, coliseums, and parking areas or facilities located at those recreation, convention, cultural, or entertainment facilities or the payment of principal and interest, when due, on bonds or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the county or city for those

recreation, convention, cultural, or entertainment facilities; or for the promotion and encouragement of tourist and convention business in the city or county and surrounding areas.

(b) The remaining revenues may be spent by the city or county which levies the tax for any city or county operations authorized by law as a proper purpose for the expenditure within statutory limitations of city or county revenues derived from ad valorem taxes.

(c) Any city or county which levies and collects the hotel and motel tax authorized by this Chapter may pledge irrevocably an amount of the revenues derived therefrom for each of the years the bonds remain outstanding to the payment of bonds which the city or county may issue for one or more of the purposes set forth in paragraph "a" of this subsection. Any revenue pledged to the payment of such bonds may be credited to the spending requirement of paragraph "a" of this subsection."