



WHAT IS THE TRANSIENT LODGING TAX (TLT)?

The Transient Lodging Tax is the City of Medford's formal name for what is also known as the "Lodging Tax" or the "Hotel-Motel Tax".

The TLT is not a property tax, nor does it have anything to do with homelessness issues.

Lodging taxes are charged by states, counties and cities to those who occupy rooms or spaces in hotels, motels, inns or other places designed or intended for short-term lodging.

The City of Medford currently levies a 9 percent lodging tax, a source of municipal funding typically paid by visitors to the community.

The current lodging tax was increased from 6 to 9 percent in 2000. The City's Charter requires a vote of citizens to change or modify the TLT.

The Medford City Council has referred two measures to voters related to the TLT for the May 2020 primary election ...

Measure 15-187 amends the Charter to allow the City to collect lodging tax from lodging intermediaries (such as Airbnb and VRBO) in addition to hotel/motel owners and operators, etc.

Measure 15-188 amends the Charter to change the lodging tax from 9 to 11 percent.