

Section 1170 - Hotels and Lodging Houses

1170.01. Definitions. Subdivision 1. For the purpose of this Section, the following terms have the meanings stated:

Subd. 2. "Hotel" is a building containing guest rooms (i) in which lodging is provided with or without meals for compensation, (ii) which is open to transient or permanent guests or both, (iii) where no provisions are made for cooking in any guest room, and (iv) in which principal access to and from all rooms is made through an inside lobby or office supervised by a person in charge.

Subd. 3. "Motor court, motor hotel or motel" is a building or group of buildings other than a hotel or lodging house used primarily as a temporary residence.

Subd. 4. "Lodging House" means any building or portion thereof containing not more than five guest rooms where rent is paid in money, goods, labor or otherwise. (Amended by Ord 2000-839, May 17, 2000)

1170.03. License Required. It is unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or operate a hotel, motel, or lodging house without a license therefore from the City.

1170.05. Regulations Incorporated by Reference. Regulations of the Minnesota Department of Health relating to hotels, motels, and lodging houses are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though set forth verbatim. One copy of such regulations shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk and open to inspection during regular office hours. It is unlawful to violate any provision of such regulations.

1170.07 Inspection. The City may inspect all hotels, motels, and lodging houses to determine compliance with laws and regulations relating hereto.

1170.09 Hotel Registrations. Subdivision 1. For the purpose of this section a hotel includes motels and lodging houses.

Subd. 2. Registration Required. It is unlawful for any person to register at any hotel, or cause any other person or persons to be registered in any hotel, under any false name or address, or assumed name or address or under any other than their true name or address.

Subd. 3. Falsifying Number in Party. It is unlawful for any person to register at any hotel in such manner as to incorrectly designate the number and names of other persons in the party who will also be occupying the room for which registration is being sought; nor shall any person registered at any hotel permit or allow any other persons who have not been designated in the registration, as persons intended to occupy such room, to occupy the same.

Subd. 4. Hotel Duties. Every person operating a hotel shall provide and keep there a suitable guest register, or equivalent, for the registration of all guests provided with sleeping accommodations or other overnight stopping accommodations therein, and every such guest shall be registered therein. The hotel operator shall cause to be registered in ink in such register book, or equivalent, the name and address of the guest and every person, if any, with such guest as a member of the party; the designation of the lodging unit occupied by each person staying at such hotel; and if traveling by motor vehicle, the make of such vehicle, and the license plate number carried on the vehicle, including the name of the state issuing such official plate. In addition at the time of registrant's first registration and in all subsequent events where the registrant is unknown to the operator at the place of registration the hotel operator shall verify the name and home address of the guest by requiring that the guest display to the operator a valid driver's license, current identification card, or identification sufficient to verify the guest's name and home address and the operator shall enter in the guest register the identification number and issuing authority of the driver's license or identification card.

Subd. 5. Guest Registration. Every person, upon arriving at any hotel and applying for guest accommodations shall furnish to the operator or other attendant in charge of such hotel, the registration information necessary to complete this registration in accordance with the requirements of Subdivision 4, above. The registrant shall be responsible for room charges, and any damages incurred by the hotel because of the registrant's or the registrant's guest behavior during the period listed for occupancy.

Subd. 6. Registration Records, Inspection. The registration record provided in this Subdivision shall be open to the inspections of all law enforcement officers of the City and State.

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