

1           **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE**  
2           **CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR A**  
3           **CLARIFICATION IN THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE HOTEL-**  
4           **MOTEL TAX; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL**  
5           **CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE;**  
6           **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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8           **WHEREAS**, the City of Morrow, Georgia (the “City”) desires to amend certain  
9 provisions in its code of ordinances relative to the hotel-motel tax; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Morrow, Georgia, will be  
11 positively impacted by the adoption of this Ordinance.

12           BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
13 CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA, and by the authority thereof:

14           **Section 1.** Section 3-2-22(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Morrow, Georgia is  
15 hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

16           *“(b) The tax is authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b), and the proceeds of this*  
17 *tax shall be used in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 48-13-51(b)(5) and 48-13-51(b)(6),*  
18 *with proceeds collected at the rate of five (5) per cent to be allocated towards any uses*  
19 *permitted under O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3), proceeds collected at the rate of one and*  
20 *one-half (1.5) per cent to be allocated toward activities of one or more qualified*

21           *destination marketing organizations designated by the city, and proceeds collected at the*  
22           *rate of one and one-half (1.5) per cent to be allocated toward tourism product*  
23           *development.”*

24           **Section 2.** The preamble of this Ordinance shall be considered to be and is hereby  
25 incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.

26           **Section 3.** This Ordinance shall be codified in a manner consistent with the laws of the  
27 State of Georgia and the City of Morrow.

28           **Section 4.** (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all  
29 sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their  
30 enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

31           (b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest  
32 extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
33 Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
34 Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the  
35 greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this  
36 Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
37 of this Ordinance.

38 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance  
39 shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise  
40 unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the  
41 express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or  
42 unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional  
43 or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or  
44 sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases,  
45 clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional,  
46 enforceable, and of full force and effect.

47 **Section 5.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby  
48 expressly repealed.

49 **Section 6.** Unless otherwise provided for herein, penalties in effect for violations of the  
50 Code of Ordinances of the City of Morrow at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance  
51 shall be and are hereby made applicable to this Ordinance and shall remain in full force and  
52 effect.

53 **Section 7.** The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of adoption unless  
54 otherwise specified herein.

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ORDAINED this 10 day of February, 2015

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CITY OF MORROW, GEORGIA

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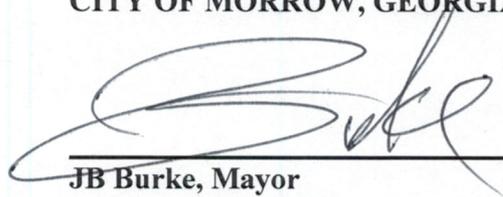
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