

**COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. O-2024-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING THE WORLD PEACE BELL HOTEL AREA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF LEVYING OF AN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAX UPON THE DAILY ROOM RATE CHARGES OF HOTEL OPERATIONS LOCATED THEREIN**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY as follows:

**SECTION I**

**HOTEL AREA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**A. ESTABLISHMENT AND BOUNDARIES**

Pursuant to the authority granted to cities of the Home Rule class by virtue of the provisions of KRS 82.082 et. seq., the City of Newport, Kentucky hereby establishes an area to be known as the World Peace Bell Hotel Area Improvement District (the "District") the boundaries of which shall currently encompass the entire block bounded by West 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, Monmouth Street to the east, West 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the south and York Street to the west, and more commonly referred to as the World Peace Bell development site, as depicted on the map attached hereto, made a part hereof and incorporated by reference.

Nothing herein shall preclude the City from establishing additional Districts to accommodate future hotel development sites for the same purpose and establishing the boundaries thereof.

**B. GENERAL PURPOSE**

The purpose for creation of the District is to provide and assist in financing economic improvements that specifically benefit certain designated lodging properties located therein.

**C. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAX**

As a result hereof, any hotel and related business operation which shall be located and operated within the District shall be subject to the assessment and levying by the City of an improvement district tax of 3 ½% upon the total gross daily short term room rate on every occupancy charged by any hotel located and operating within the District furnishing lodging to transients.

The improvement district tax shall be paid in addition to the state sales tax or any other applicable tax or fee assessed by the state.

The amount collected shall be reported and paid to the City Finance Department on a monthly basis, payable within 30 days of the end of each calendar month in which the improvement district tax is collected.

#### D. USE OF FUNDS

The improvement district tax shall be collected and utilized by the City to promote hotel and economic development and tourism and to provide additional revenue to assist in financing economic and infrastructure improvements made within the District pursuant to any Industrial Revenue Bonds which may be issued by the City for such purpose.

#### SECTION II

This Ordinance shall be signed by the Mayor, attested to by the City Clerk, recorded, published and be effective upon publication.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: September 23, 2024

PASSED" 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

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Thomas L. Guidugli Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tiffany Myers, City Clerk

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