

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CHARLOTTE CITY CODE ENTITLED "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has a significant governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and preserving the public order; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has authority pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes to adopt ordinances to protect the health, safety, or welfare of its citizens and peace and dignity of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. Chapter 15 of the City Code shall be rewritten to amend Section 15-302 to read:

“Section 15- 302. Prohibited Acts

(a) It shall be unlawful for any lodging establishment, person, owner, operator, general manager, night clerk or person responsible for the day to day operations of a lodging establishment to:

(1) Fail to number or designate in a plain and conspicuous manner each lodging unit. Such number or designation shall be placed on the outside of each lodging unit and no two lodging units shall bear the same number or designation, unless clearly designated as to a building, wing, or other identifier.

(2) Allow a guest to register or check in at the lodging establishment who does not provide a valid credit card or government issued identification except when a reservation is established by a confirmation number, or provided by an amenity program, kiosk, or on-line system.

(3) Charge a registered guest an hourly rate for a lodging unit except if

- i the hourly extension was granted by the lodging establishment to accommodate a late check out; or
- ii. the hourly extension is a partial day rate granted for flight layovers or other travel delays; or
- iii. the hourly rate is established by a written company policy.

(4) Block 911 calls from a guest room.

(5) Knowingly allow a person to remain or return to the premises of the lodging establishment, or provide or continue to provide lodging to a registered guest or other person only where the registered guest or other person is participating in observable criminal activity in or on the property. This section does not apply to a lodging establishment if it is currently taking legal action to remove the registered guest or other person or has provided the registered guest or other person written notice to leave within a reasonable time period or the registered guest or other person has been notified to leave and has refused to leave.”

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney