

City of Downey

SECTION 4130. REGISTRATION OF GUESTS: HOTELS, LODGING, AND ROOMING HOUSES.

(a) Every owner, keeper, or proprietor of any lodginghouse, rooming house, or **hotel** shall keep a register wherein he shall require all guests, roomers, or lodgers to inscribe their names and motor vehicle license number, if applicable, upon their procuring lodging or a room or accommodations. Said register shall also show the day of the month and year when said name was so inscribed and the room occupied or to be occupied by said lodger, roomer, or guest. Said register shall be kept in a conspicuous place in said lodginghouse, rooming house, or **hotel** and at all times shall be open to inspection by the lodgers, roomers, or guests of said place, and the Chief of Police or any regular policeman or police detective.

(b) Before furnishing any lodging for hire to any person in any lodginghouse, or before renting any room to any person in any rooming house, or before furnishing any accommodations to any guest at any **hotel**, the owner, keeper, or proprietor thereof shall require the person to whom such lodging is furnished, or room is rented, or accommodations furnished to inscribe his name in such register kept for that purpose as hereinbefore provided, and shall set opposite said name the time when said name was so inscribed, and also the room occupied by such lodger, roomer or guest.

(c) Erasures or alterations on the register or document required by Sections 4130 (a) or (b) shall not be permitted or made for any purpose, and it shall be unlawful to erase a name or names and address or addresses, or to permit or allow such an erasure. Such register or documents shall be kept in a conspicuous place and shall be at all times opened to the inspection of any peace officer for lawful purposes.

(d) No person shall write or cause to be written or knowingly permit to be written in any register in any public lodginghouse or **hotel**, any other or different name or designation than the true name of the person registering therein.

(e) No person shall let any room or area in any lodginghouse, rooming house or **hotel** in the city more than twice in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

(f) No person conducting or owning a lodginghouse, rooming house or **hotel**, and no person in actual charge, management or control thereof nor agent thereof, shall let or cause to be let any room or area for hourly or other short time rates of less than twelve (12) hours; or in any way advertise that any room or area is available at hourly or other short time rates of less than twelve (12) hours. (Added by Ord. 216, adopted 1-4-63; amended by Ord. 773, adopted 11-13-84; Ord. 775, adopted 11-27-84)