

City of Signal Hill

5.18.030 Registration required.

No hotel or motel owner or operator shall let, lease, or rent a hotel or motel room to any person without verifying that the guest registration card has been accurately completed, that the name, address, and official identification card number is legibly printed on the guest registration card and that the information corresponds to the information on the person's official identification card. Nor shall any hotel or motel agent or operator permit any use or occupancy of any hotel or motel room for any period of time without first verifying that the user of the room has completed a guest registration card. An individual occupying a room need not present an official identification card if the person has been referred to the hotel by a certified nonprofit organization and the written referral letter has been permanently attached to the guest registration card. (Ord. 93-07-1160 § 1 (part))

5.18.040 Retention of guest registration cards.

The guest registration cards shall be retained on site for a five-year period from the date the card was wholly or partially completed. The card may only be removed from the site by a duly sworn police officer who is authorized to inspect the cards pursuant to Section 5.18.050 below. No person shall destroy or dispose of or permit the destruction or disposal of any guest registration card for a period of five years from the date the card was wholly or partially completed as required by Section 5.18.030 herein. Furthermore, no improperly completed or incomplete guest registration card shall be disposed of without city authorization during the five-year retention period. It shall be deemed a violation of this section if there exists missing guest registration cards as evidenced by nonsequentially numbered guest registration cards. (Ord. 93-07-1160 § 1 (part))

5.18.050 Registration by fictitious name.

No person shall provide any false information, register under a fictitious name, or show or use a forged, altered, or counterfeit official identification card when procuring a hotel or motel room within the city. The hotel/motel agent or operator shall be responsible to verify the authenticity of the official identification card used by the person letting, leasing or renting the hotel or motel room by comparing the card to a photographic facsimile contained in the book entitled Driver's License Guide or a similar book. (Ord. 93-07-1160 § 1 (part))

5.18.060 Inspection of guest registration cards.

Guest registration cards shall be available on the premises of the hotel or motel for inspection by any duly sworn peace officer of the city, state or federal government or any authorized official of the city's finance department (the "authorized persons"). Any such authorized persons shall be permitted to inspect the guest registration card at any time of the day or night. (Ord. 93-07-1160 § 1 (part))

5.18.070 Notification of registration request.

Each hotel or motel within the city shall have posted a sign of dimensions not smaller than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches with letters not smaller than one-half inch in height on the inside of the entry door to each room which substantially provides as follows: NO PERSON SHALL OCCUPY OR USE A ROOM IN THIS FACILITY WITHOUT FIRST REGISTERING WITH THE FRONT DESK. FAILURE TO REGISTER CONSTITUTES A MISDEMEANOR. (Ord. 93-07-1160 § 1 (part))