



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
From: John Betten, Chief of Police
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: June 12, 2007
Subject: Ordinance Requiring Hotel/Motel Registration

List of committees that have reviewed: Public Safety (3-1 Vote)

Background: This Ordinance would require that Hotels, Motels, Lodging Houses and Rooming Houses, maintain a registry of all guests, that they verify the identity of persons renting rooms by requiring photo identification and that the registry be available for review by police officers. The ordinance is designed to provide the police with the tools necessary to thoroughly investigate criminal behavior and to deter crime in and around hotels. Ordinances of this type are common throughout the United States.

Legal Considerations, if any: None

Budget Impact: None

Staff recommendation: Approval.