

RESOLUTION NO. 19-xxx

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED SB19
AND OPPOSING ANY ACTION BY THE
ALABAMA LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD EXEMPT
CERTAIN VACATION, SHORT-TERM RENTALS FROM LODGINGS TAXES**

FINDINGS:

1. The City of Orange Beach and the other municipalities in the State have long been the stewards of the public's health, safety and welfare within the corporate limits and police and planning jurisdictions of their communities.
2. There are bills currently pending before the Alabama Legislature, specifically SB19 by Senator Gerald Allen, which would exempt certain vacation, short-term rentals from lodgings tax requirements.
3. The City of Orange Beach is a unique coastal community, with a stable residential population and a thriving population of visitors from all over the world.
4. The City of Orange Beach is privileged to have hundreds of thousands of guests visit us each year, and we strive to provide those visitors with the same essential services we provide our permanent residents. Services such as fire, police, utilities, emergency medical, disaster response, etc.
5. The City of Orange Beach receives approximately \$170,000 annually in lodgings taxes and utilizes those funds to provide the best of services to our community, to insure the public health, safety, and welfare, and to assist in the planning for future growth and economic development.
6. The loss of lodgings taxes from the exemption of certain vacation, short-term rentals would have a direct impact on the City's revenues and abilities to provide necessary services.
7. Exempting certain vacation, short-term rentals from lodgings taxes would also create an unfair advantage for those businesses, while creating an unfair disadvantage for the other non-exempted rentals that would be required to continue to pay lodgings taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Orange Beach City Council hereby urges the Alabama State Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 19, and any other bills that would exempt certain vacation, short-term rentals from lodgings taxes; and
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative Bradley Byrne and Senators Richard Shelby and Doug Jones with a request on behalf of the citizens of the City of Orange Beach that they oppose SB19 or similar legislation.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Renee Eberly, City Clerk of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 19-xxx, which was duly and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 19, 2019.

City Clerk