




Office of the Mayor
A.J. Holloway

DATE: March 18, 2010

TO: Councilmember George Lawrence
Councilmember William "Bill" Stallworth
Councilmember Lucy Denton
Councilmember Clark Griffith
Councilmember Tom Wall
Councilmember Edward "Ed" Gemmill
Councilmember David Fayard

FROM: Mayor A.J. Holloway 

RE: Veto of Resolution No. 146-10, regarding proposed room tax

I hereby veto Resolution No. 146-10, which seeks legislative authority to impose a room tax of as much as \$5 per room per night for occupied hotel and motel rooms in Biloxi.

I have established a record of acting in deliberate fashion after considering all sides of an issue. As such, I cannot in good conscience approve a tax measure conceived in the 11th hour that threatens to impose an unspecified tax for an unspecified amount of time and for an unspecified use.

As I said to you on numerous occasions and as recently as last week, the City of Biloxi has a spending problem. We should focus more time on reducing operating expenses instead of creating new taxes.

I am sending a duplicate original of this veto message to Lucy Brashier, Clerk of the City Council, for inclusion in the minutes.

Attachment: Resolution 146-10

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RESOLUTION NO. 146-10

RESOLUTION REQUESTING LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION
TO AUTHORIZE ADOPTION OF HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOM TAX

WHEREAS, it is necessary to generate additional revenue by the addition of a room tax on hotel and motel rooms in the City of Biloxi, in much the same manner as exist in competitive markets in other states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE.. The Legislature of the State of Mississippi is hereby requested to adopt local and private legislation to permit the City of Biloxi to enact a motel and hotel room tax (as those terms are defined in Section 27-65-23.1, MCA), in the amount of up to \$5.00 per room, per night of rental.

SECTION TWO. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to make certified copies of this resolution available to members of the Coast delegation to the Legislature as directed by the Mayor or President of the City Council.

The foregoing Resolution having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Fayard, seconded by Councilmember Wall and was adopted by the following vote:

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| YEAS: | Lawrence | Wall | NAYS: | None |
| | Stallworth | Gemmill | | |
| | Griffith | Fayard | | |

ABSENT: Denton

The President then declared the Resolution adopted this the 17th day of March, 2010.

Resolution No. 146-10



ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Karen Brashier
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

[Signature]
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the ____ day of March, 2010.

APPROVED:

MAYOR