



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 202

May 18, 2021

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WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York to address the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of New York residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order No. 98, issued March 12, 2020 and extended most recently by Emergency Executive Order No. 198, issued May 2, 2021, contains a declaration of a state of emergency in the City of New York due to the threat posed by COVID-19 to the health and welfare of City residents, and such declaration remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, this Order is given because of the propensity of the virus to spread person-to-person and also because the actions taken to prevent such spread have led to business closures and increased unemployment; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a decline in tourism, and the hotel sector in New York City has been substantially impacted, with jobs, inventory, occupancy rates, and room rates sold, all down substantially, resulting in extraordinary economic loss for the sector; and

WHEREAS, thus far in Fiscal Year 2021, hotel tax revenue is down approximately 89 percent as compared with Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, to aid in New York City's post-pandemic economic recovery, it is necessary to provide economic relief to this hard-hit industry, which would enable more hotels to remain open or to reopen, to keep New Yorkers in the hotel trade employed, and to boost tourism in New York City; and

WHEREAS, immediate relief is warranted in order to assist in the economic recovery of the New York City hotel industry;

WHEREAS, hotel operators and room remarketers remit the hotel occupancy tax on a quarterly cycle and the elimination of the hotel occupancy tax rate of 5.875 percent for the period

commencing on June 1, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2021, would reduce the cost of a hotel room and thereby stimulate higher demand for hotel rooms and tourism in New York City or allow hotels to charge more for rooms; and

WHEREAS, the overall leisure and hospitality sector lost approximately 257,000 jobs from March through December 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of the State of New York and the City of New York, including but not limited to the New York Executive Law, the New York City Charter and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and the common law authority to protect the public in the event of an emergency:

Section 1. a. I hereby suspend paragraph (3) of subdivision a of section 11-2502 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York to the extent necessary to provide for the reduction of the tax for occupancy of a room in a hotel in the City of New York imposed by such paragraph to zero percent for any such occupancy from June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

b. Nothing in this section shall affect the imposition of the tax for the occupancy of a room in a hotel in the City of New York pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision a of such section.

§ 2. This Emergency Executive Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless it is terminated or modified at an earlier date.



Bill de Blasio,
MAYOR