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7.60 Hotel Registration and Security

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7.60.010 Written Register

1. Every owner, keeper or proprietor of any lodging house, rooming house, motel or hotel shall keep a register wherein all guests, roomers or lodgers shall inscribe their names and permanent address upon their procuring lodging, a room or accommodations. ~~The owner, keeper or proprietor shall verify the credit card signature of each guest, roomer or lodger making payment by way of credit card, with the signature inscribed upon the hotel register. If the signature as inscribed on the register does not appear to reasonably match the signature on the credit card, further identification shall be requested of the type requested of persons paying in cash.~~The owner, keeper or proprietor shall require identification of any guest, roomer or lodger ~~paying in cash,~~ at the time of registration, and in a valid and current format showing the person's name, ~~and~~ date of birth ~~and~~ address, and may be, but is not limited to, a driver's license, state-issued picture identification card, or such other form as will reasonably assure that the registrant is, in fact, the person under whose name such lodging, room or accommodation is, in fact, being procured, and shall maintain a photo ~~or digital~~ copy of such identification ~~or transpose the identifying information in the registration ledger.~~ For any guest, roomer or lodger taking occupancy through a prearranged reservation in the name of a corporation, business, association or any other entity, the owner, keeper or proprietor shall request identification of the specific guest, roomer or lodger at the time of registration as will reasonably assure such person to be the person for whom the lodging, room or accommodations have been procured.
2. Before furnishing any lodging for hire to any person in any lodging house, or before furnishing any accommodations to any guest of any motel or hotel, the proprietor, manager or owner thereof shall require the person to whom such lodgings are furnished, or room is rented or accommodations furnished, to inscribe his or her name and permanent address in such register, kept for that purpose as heretofore provided, and shall set opposite the name the time that said name was so inscribed and the room occupied by such lodger, roomer or guest.
- ~~2-3.~~ Any guest, roomer or lodger required to provide identification under sub. (1) shall be presumed liable for any violations of the Wauwatosa Municipal Code that occur in such lodging, room or accommodation.

(Ord. O-97-8 § 1 (part), 1997)