TEXT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROPOSITION O

HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX SURCHARGE

AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 7, OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 502.5 THERETO, PROVIDING FOR A ONE AND THREE-FOURTHS PERCENTUM (1.75%) SURCHARGE ON THE RATE OF THE HOTEL ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX, SUBJECT TO THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND PROVIDING FOR DEPOSIT OF SURCHARGE INTO GENERAL FUND.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Part III, Article 7 of the San Francisco Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Section 502.5 thereto reading as follows:

Section 592.5 Imposition of a one and three-fourths percentum (1.75%) surcharge. There shall be an additional tax of one and three-fourths percentum (1.75%) on the rent for every occupancy of the guest rooms in a hotel in the City and County of San Francisco on and after July 1, 1980.

When rent is paid, charged, billed or falls due on either a weekly, monthly or other term basis, the rent so paid, charged, billed or falling due shall be subject to the tax of eight percentum (8%) herein imposed to the extent that it

Quentin Kopp (Dist. 10) and John Bardis (Dist. 11).

None of the Supervisors present voted No.

covers any portion of the period prior to July 1, 1980, and to the tax of eight percentum (8%) herein plus the amount of surcharge imposed to the extent that it covers any portion of the period on and after July 1, 1980, and such payment, charge, bill or rent due shall be apportioned on the basis of the ratio of the number of days falling within said periods to the total number of days covered thereby. Where any tax has been paid hereunder upon any rent without any right of occupancy therefor, the Tax Collector may by regulation provide for credit or refund of the amount of such tax upon application therefor as provided in Section 514(f) of this Article.

The surcharge tax so collected shall be deposited in the general fund subject to appropriation pursuant to the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

By adopting this ordinance the People of the City and County of San Francisco do not intend to limit or in any way curtail any powers the Board of Supervisors may exercise as to the subject matter of this ordinance, including, but not limited to, raising the rate of taxation or surcharge, lowering the rate of taxation or surcharge, eliminating the tax or surcharge, or creating or defining new categories of taxpayers under this ordinance.