

ORDINANCE NO. 908 – 12/14

AMENDING SECTION 74-131 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE
AND SECTION 74-263 OF THE SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE,
WALWORTH COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATIVE TO LODGING FACILITIES, RENT AND TRANSIENT

THE WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

1 **PART I: That section 74-131 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended**
2 **to read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are shown in strike-through text):**

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4 **“Sec. 74-131. Definitions.**

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6 For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall be used. Words used in the present
7 tense include the future; the singular number includes the plural number; and the plural number
8 includes the singular number. The word "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary.

9 ...

10 *Dwelling:* A structure or portion thereof that is designed or arranged for human habitation, but does
11 not include ~~boarding or lodging houses, motels, hotels or tents~~ lodging facilities or camping units.

12 ...

13 *Hotel:* A building where rooms, with or without meals, are supplied to the transient public, or to
14 anyone who may apply, for compensation.

15 ...

16 *Lodge:* A building or group of buildings under single management containing both rooms and
17 dwelling units available for ~~temporary~~ rental to transient individuals or families.

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19 *LODGING FACILITY:* A structure or part thereof rented, used or advertised for stays by transients
20 including but not limited to hotel, motel, tourist court, cabin, lodge, rooming house, lodging house,
21 bed and breakfast . The use of any building or structure for transients deems the structure to be a
22 lodging facility.

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24 *Lodging house:* A building other than a hotel, where lodging is provided for compensation, for five
25 or more persons not members of a family.

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27 *Motel:* a series of attached, semi-attached, or detached sleeping units for the accommodation of
28 transient guests, for compensation.

29 ...

30 *Recreational Camp:* an area containing one or more permanent buildings and cabins used
31 occasionally or periodically for the accommodation of members or guests of associations or groups
32 for recreational, educational, or religious purposes.

33 ...

34 *Rent:* Compensation, money, or other consideration, whether or not received, given in return for
35 occupancy, possession or use of property.

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37 *Rooming house:* See Same as “lodging house”.

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1 Transient: a person or enterprise who, at their own expense or at the expense of another, rents
2 sleeping quarters or a lodging facility for less than 30 consecutive days while traveling away from
3 their permanent place of residence for vacation, pleasure, recreation, culture, business or
4 employment.

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7 **PART II: That section 74-263 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances is hereby**
8 **amended to read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are shown in strike-through**
9 **text):**

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11 **“Sec. 74-263. Definitions.**

12
13 For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall be used. Words used in the present
14 tense include the future; the singular number includes the plural number; and the plural number
15 includes the singular number. The word "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary.

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17 *Dwelling* means a structure or portion thereof that is designed or arranged for human habitation, but
18 does not include ~~boarding or lodging houses, motels, hotels or tents~~ lodging facilities or camping
19 units.

20 ...

21 *Hotel* means a building where rooms, with or without meals, are supplied to the transient public, or
22 to anyone who may apply, for compensation.

23 ...

24 *Lodge* means a building or group of buildings under single management containing both rooms and
25 dwelling units available for ~~temporary~~ rental to transient individuals or families.

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27 LODGING FACILITY means a structure or part thereof rented, used or advertised for stays by
28 transients including but not limited to hotel, motel, tourist court, cabin, lodge, rooming house,
29 lodging house, bed and breakfast . The use of any building or structure for transients deems the
30 structure to be a lodging facility.

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32 *Lodging house* means a building other than a hotel, where lodging is provided for compensation, for
33 five or more persons not members of a family.

34 ...

35 *Motel* means a series of attached, semi-attached, or detached sleeping units for the accommodation
36 of transient guests, for compensation.

37 ...

38 *Recreational Camp* means an area containing one or more permanent buildings and cabins used
39 occasionally or periodically for the accommodation of members or guests of associations or groups
40 for recreational, educational, or religious purposes.

41 ...

42 Rent means compensation, money, or other consideration, whether or not received, given in return
43 for occupancy, possession or use of property.

44 ...

45 *Rooming house* means same as “lodging house”.

46 ...

47 Transient means a person or enterprise who, at their own expense or at the expense of another, rents
48 sleeping quarters or a lodging facility for less than 30 consecutive days while traveling away from

