



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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BILL NUMBER: HB 1689		DATE: 1/9/2024
COMMITTEE: Local Government		
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Thank you for your consideration of HB1689. As mayor of Lamar Heights, I encourage your support of this bill. The change in statute would slow the city to participate financially with the county and city of Lamar (we share a common boundary) on services that benefit our citizens but don't have the financial ability to provide on our own. Failure to amend, may prevent Lamar Heights from participating in shared expense projects like updating of the 911 system. The county is asking all municipalities to cost share this much needed update. I believe Barton County, Lamar and Lamar Heights are all pulling in the same direction to better serve those who live, work and visit here. This change gives Lamar Heights the flexibility and access to funds to pay our fair share without asking our voters to pass new taxes. This would also be a win by not increasing existing taxes on those living in or visiting our community. Thank you to Representative Kelley for helping present this bill.



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My name is Scott Peterson, and I'm the City Administrator for the City of Knob Noster. I'm writing today as a representative of the City of Knob Noster in support of HB 1689. I want to thank Representative Reedy for his efforts in this bill; his diligence in this matter is greatly appreciated by the Knob Noster community. The proposed Transient Guest Tax for the City of Knob Noster will be a vital tool for economic development and tourism in our community. Knob Noster is next door to Whiteman Air Force Base, and the vast majority of our short term visitors are either USAF airmen or their families. Allowing Knob Noster to charge a Transient Guest Tax will provide a dedicated revenue stream that can be invested back into our military community when airmen and their families come to visit. Knob Noster also sees a large number of contractors and seasonal employees spend short term stays in our community as they find temporary work on base. A Transient Guest Tax will also help the Knob Noster community attract and retain this workforce, and provide opportunities for economic development within the City that will enhance their quality of life while they are here. It is my sincere hope, and the hope of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Knob Noster, that you will see fit to recommend this bill for approval. A Transient Guest Tax is not just another revenue stream to Knob Noster; rather, it will be an important tool by which we can continue to support and give back to our military community that such a vital part the Knob Noster way of life. Thank you for your time and consideration on this bill.

Sincerely, Scott Peterson
 City Administrator
 City of Knob Noster



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