

From: [Debbie Beck](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Tourism Promotion Area Tax
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I oppose the 2% TPS tax.

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From: [Amy Johnson](#)
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]RE: Public Hearing 26-53 | Objection to Ordinance Bill No. 4-26 (Procedural Concerns)
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From: Hamil Poton <hamilpoton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 4:13 PM
To: CityRecorder <CityRecorder@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Public Hearing 26-53 | Objection to Ordinance Bill No. 4-26 (Procedural Concerns)

Dear City of Salem Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I am writing regarding **Public Hearing 26-53** on the March 9, 2026 agenda. I believe this hearing concerning modifications to the Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) and **Ordinance Bill No. 4-26** is premature. Based on the governing language of the Salem Revised Code, I contend that any adoption of further ordinances to this bill at this time is unauthorized and should be considered null and void.

Under **SRC 38.150 — TPA Periodic Review**, the law states:

"On or before [the fifth anniversary of the effective date of this chapter], and every five years thereafter, the City Council shall conduct a public hearing to determine whether the TPA should be terminated. The renewal, and hearing and notice procedures, shall conform to the requirements of **SRC 38.040**."

Ordinance No. 16-19 was established on November 25, 2019, with an effective date of **January 1, 2020**.

As of today's hearing:

- We are **6 years** past the effective date.
- The "Fifth Anniversary" review period (required by January 2025) has already lapsed.
- We have not yet reached the "every five years thereafter" milestone (scheduled for 2030).

Because Section 38.150 strictly limits the City Council's authority to conduct these specific public hearings to 5-year intervals, this 2026 hearing falls outside the legally prescribed window.

If the City intends to adopt annual modifications or addendums, a hearing must first be held to **amend Section 38.150 itself** to authorize such frequent actions. Currently, the code only grants the Council authority for five-year reviews. Without that underlying authority, any attempt to modify the TPA or its associated fees via

Ordinance Bill No. 4-26 at this time is a violation of the existing ordinance's "Periodic Review" mandate.

Thank you for your careful attention to these requirements.

Kind regards,

Hamil Poton

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From: Jackie portwood <jackieportwood@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 4:54 PM
To: CityRecorder <CityRecorder@cityofsalem.net>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public comment March 9, 2026

Hello Councilors and Mayor,

I want to express my opposition to the amendment to the code bringing individual Airbnb units including single bedroom rentals, under the Tourist Promotion Area. Currently these homeowners already pay high taxes in property tax. They already pay taxes and fees through the booking site which gets passed on to the renter, and also, in light of the new tax increase of 1.25% on the lodging tax that will take place due to house bill 4134 passing, that's not only increases their taxes by 2% but it will be a 3.25% in total. Recently, Airbnb also increased their fees 6% according to my friend who utilizes Airbnb which has caused them less bookings because of the increased cost. When you put all of this together is making it more and more less attractive for people to rent an Air BnB due to the high cost as it is being passed directly onto the consumer - and in the end hurting our residence who utilize short-term rentals because they are going to have to raise their rates which causes less people interested in their unit due to price increase.

This reminds me about the motion that Councilor Vang brought forward to research rental costs, etc. This is the perfect example. When prices go up through taxes, fees.... you name it... They have to raise the rates of the rental units. By keeping taxes lower, the property owner can keep their property at a lower rent, creating more demand for the unit. If I am understanding everything correctly, isn't the city already receiving 9% in taxes through having a rental already?

This is not my area of expertise I have just heard many people I know talk about the frustration around taxes and why our prices are increasing so I want to share my opposition.

Thank you again for all of the work you and the team do. I appreciate each and every one of you and a different perspectives you bring

Jackie Roché

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