

Proposed Amendments to TCIG Tourist Accommodation (licensing) Ordinance 1979

Section	Current Language	Proposed Amendment	Comments (Reason for change)
Section 2	the language of section 2 Ordinance only allows for the inspection of premises or lodgings consisting of four (4) or more bedrooms which provide accommodation for guests.	The new language should copy the Hotel and Tourism (Taxation) Ordinance 1979 (Section 3(1))“This Ordinance shall apply to any premises used, or intended to be used for the purpose of providing for reward or not board and lodging only.”	The purpose of this amendment is to give the Tourist Board authority to inspect all accommodations regardless of the number of rooms contained therein.
Section 16 -Penalties	Having been granted such a license operates the premise in contravention of the terms and conditions thereof commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.00 and a penalty of \$500.00 for each day during which he so operates the premise.	That penalties be increased between \$500 to \$1,500 per day to a maximum of \$3000 for each day during which he so operates the premise.	The above is based on the Tourist Board’s observation over the years that the penalty for noncompliance was less than full compliance. In essence parties were able to afford the fee for noncompliance seemed more affordable than actual compliance and so they simply did not comply and paid the fee of \$500.00. The increased rate to the penalties will decrease

			<p>this practice. Operators will now comply and standards will be enforced.</p>
<p>Section 17 License Fee</p>	<p>Where the board decides to grant, renew or authorize the transfer of a license it shall be paid before such license is issued renewed or transferred a fee calculated at the annual rate of \$5.00 for each bedroom provided on the premise for use for guest accommodation.</p>	<p>It is being proposed that the required fees be increased to \$200 for any accommodation consisting of one to ten bedrooms and an additional \$20.00 per bedroom for any accommodation in excess of ten bedrooms.</p>	<p>The increase in development over years, did not result in a corresponding increase in revenue. The opposite is seen and the Board now experiences a loss in revenue from unregistered or unlicensed villas. The increase can help cover the cost of administration, training, transportation, maintenance and additional manpower.</p>
<p>Section 4-Board may grant license</p>	<p>Subject to the provision of this Ordinance, upon application in that behalf made in the prescribed form and payment of the fee thereof, the Board may grant to the applicant a license to operate any</p>	<p>Propose that power be granted to the Director of Tourism to issue licenses on behalf of the Board. Further propose that the Director of Tourism be allowed to delegate this</p>	<p>The Tourist Board is suggesting that once the terms and conditions for issuance of a license have been met and in order to expedite the process of issuance, the Director</p>

	<p>premise for the purpose of providing accommodations to guests for profit, or may refuse to grant such a license or may grant a license subject to terms and conditions as it may see fit to impose.</p>	<p>authority under the Ordinance.</p>	<p>of Tourism be granted this authority.</p>
<p>New proposal -Re-inspection Fee</p>	<p>Currently there is no provision in the Law for a re-inspection fee.</p>	<p>For failure of initial compliance of inspection, we propose that re-inspection fee be levied in the full amount of the license.</p>	<p>To ensure that accommodations are inspected and operated within the standards and criteria set by the Tourist Board which will be published on its website and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of guests.</p>

Please respond to the following questions:

1. **Do you consider these changes as warranted? (Yes/No).** *Please respond separately for each question.*
2. **If you said yes to any, please explain your response. (e.g. Fees too high, or too low, etc.)**
3. **Are they sufficient to address your concerns regarding Airbnbs? (Yes/No)**
4. **If your response is no, to question 3, please list areas of concerns you believe are not covered in the proposed amendments?**