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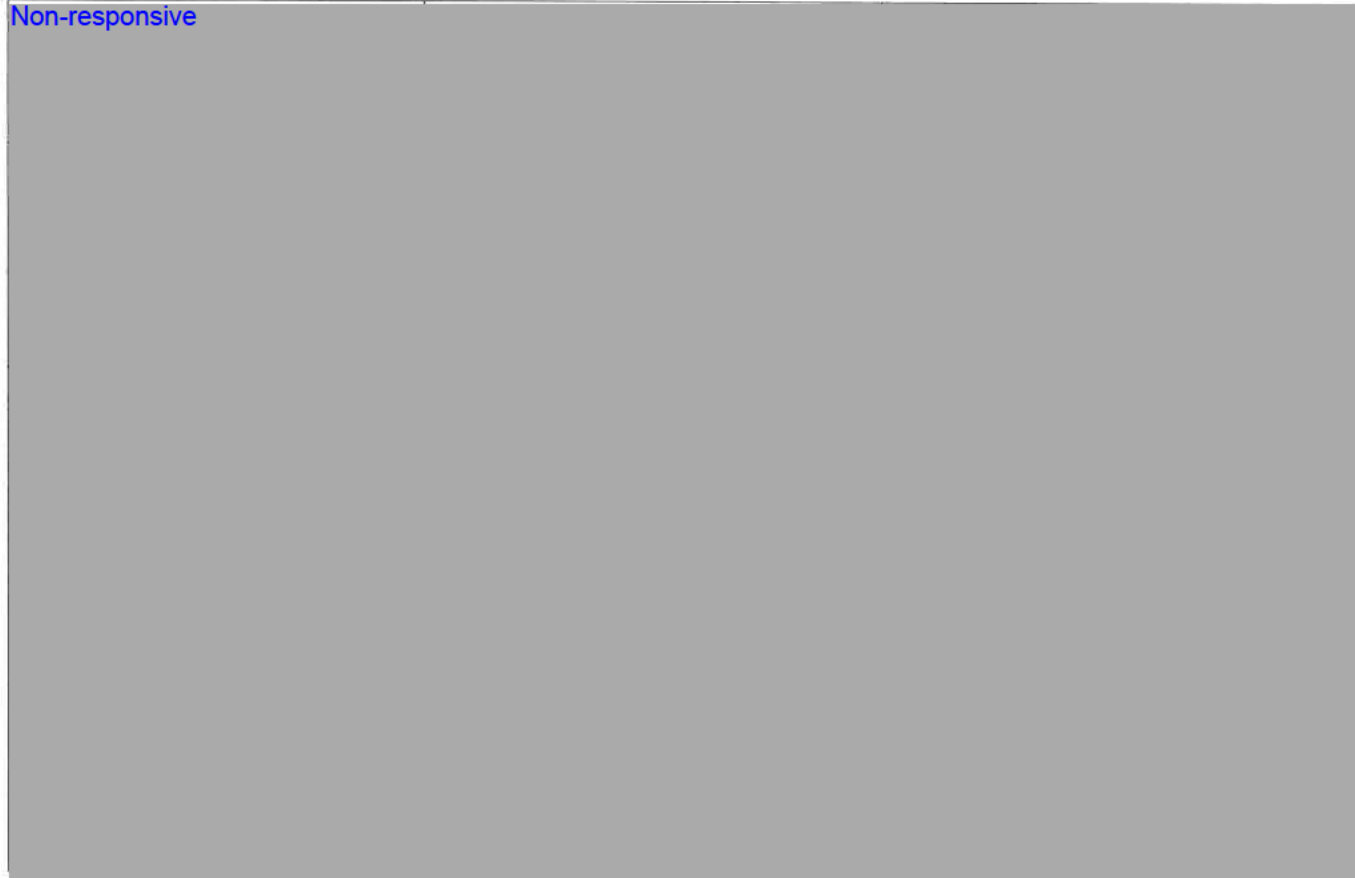
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<p>New section</p>	<p>Accommodation tax 280.1(1) In this section:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) “accommodation” means lodging, and the right to use lodging, that is provided for consideration, whether or not the lodging is actually used;</p> <p>(2) A council may, by bylaw, require that every person who purchases or consumes accommodation in the city pay a tax on that accommodation.</p>	<p>The City would support including a provision in <i>The Cities Act</i> that would provide city council with the option of imposing an accommodation tax if the council wanted to do so. The City would like the provision to provide flexibility to set out the details regarding the tax in a bylaw.</p> <p>The wording to the left is a rough draft based on the wording in Manitoba’s Municipal Taxation and Funding Act and Ontario’s Municipal Act which allows for an</p>

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	<p>(3) A council may, by bylaw passed pursuant to subsection (2), make rules for the collection, proper accounting and payment of the accommodation tax and without restricting the generality of the forgoing may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) set out the rate or amount of tax imposed; (b) state the types of accommodation which is subject to the tax; (c) prescribe the manner of collection of the tax imposed; (d) require that the tax be collected by the operators who sell, offer for sale or otherwise provide accommodation and may require certain persons or entities to collect the tax as agents for the city including setting out any collection obligations of persons or entities who are required to collect the tax; (e) allow the operators to charge a commission on the sale of accommodation; (f) provide for full or partial exemptions from the tax imposed under this section; (g) provide for penalties for the violation of any provisions or the bylaw; 	<p>accommodation tax to be imposed. The wording also has similarities to the wording of the amusement tax provision in section 279 of <i>The Cities Act</i>. As this is just the initial consultation, there may be further suggestions on this wording.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (h) require interest penalties to be charged on outstanding taxes or penalties; (i) provide for audit and inspection powers including authorizing designated officers to enter places of accommodation to ascertain whether the bylaw is being observed; (j) prescribe the types and forms of returns operators are required to provide to the city; and (k) provide for such other matters as the council considers appropriate. 	

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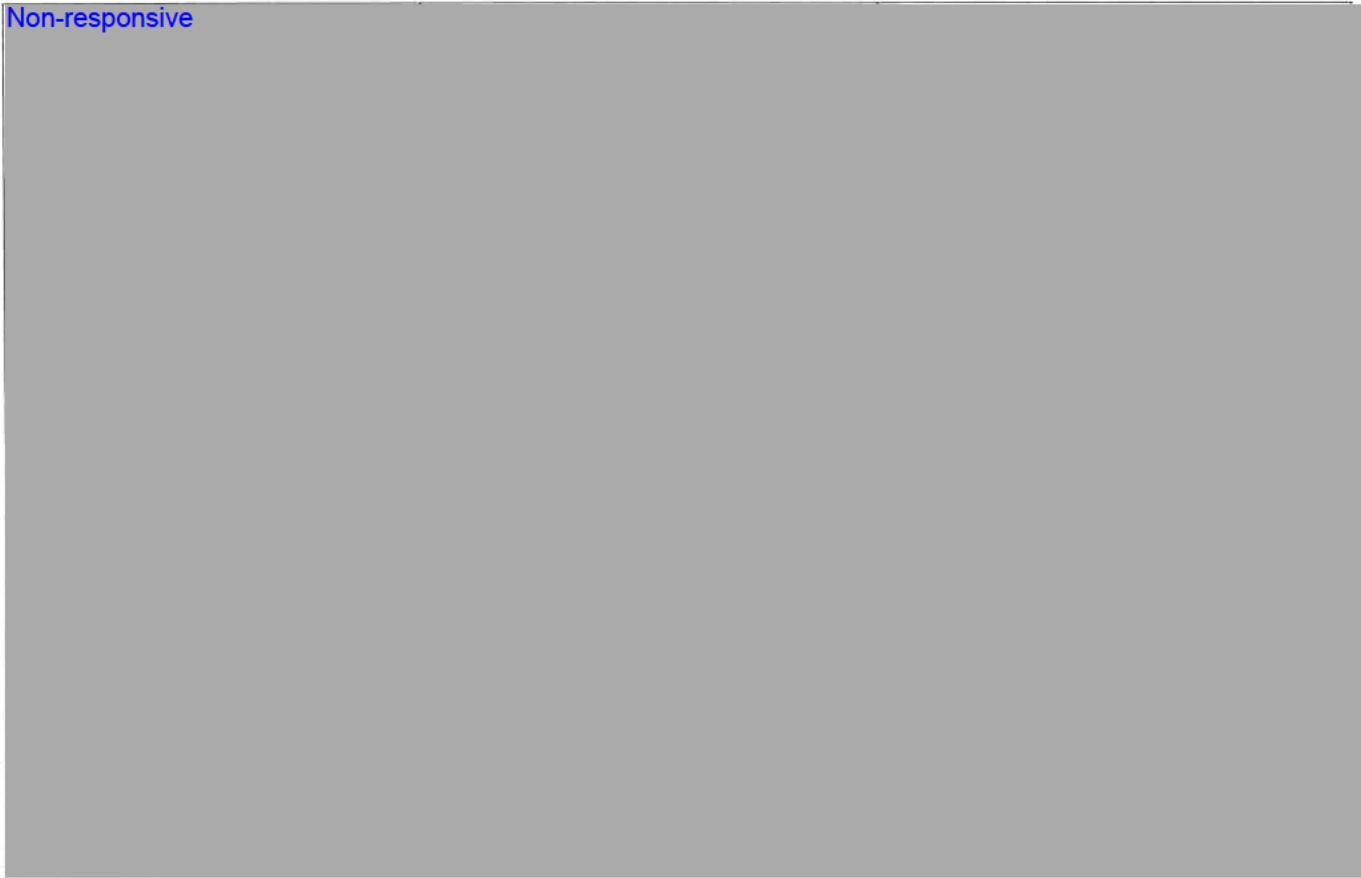
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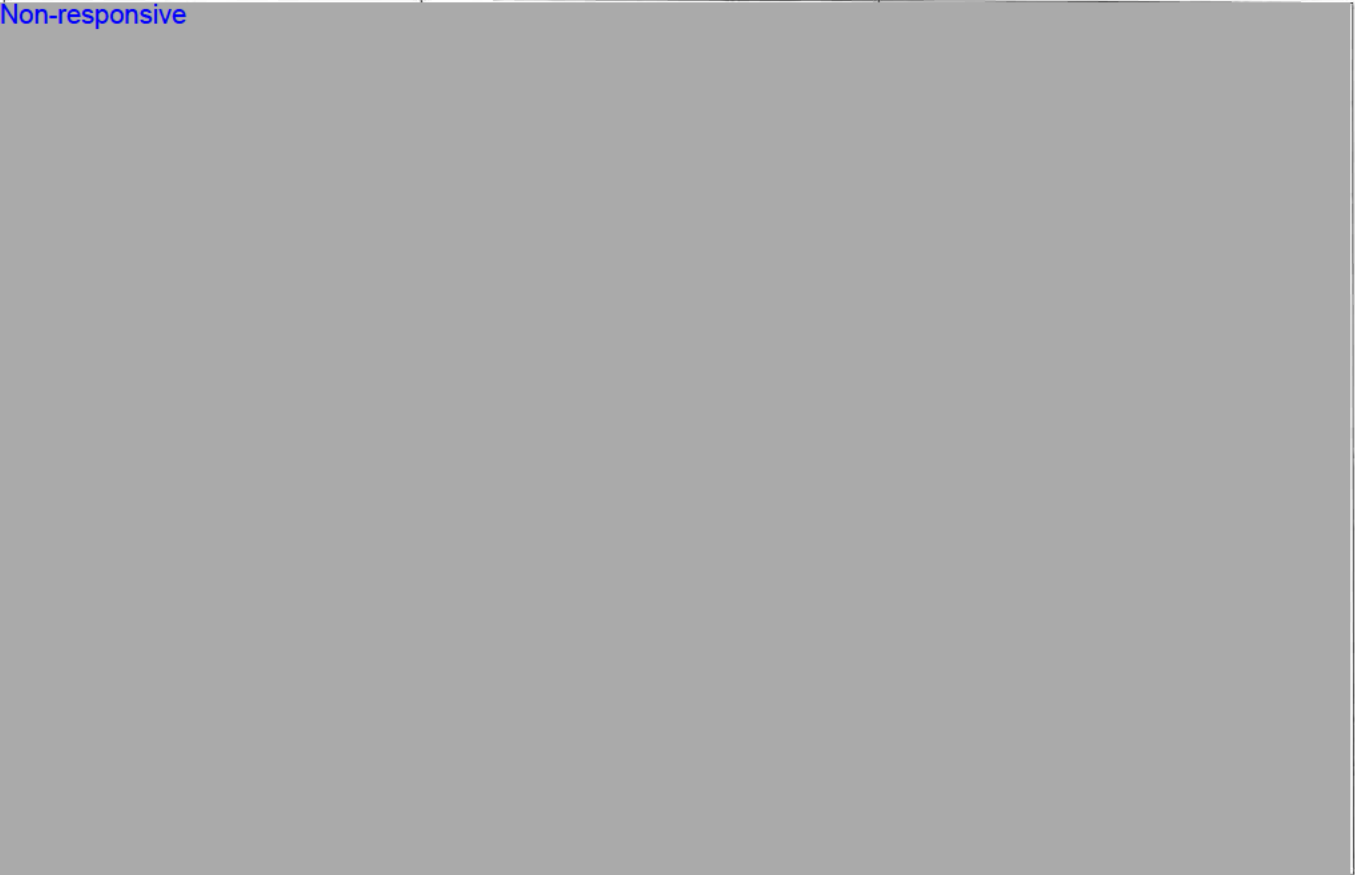
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