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Increasing the TLT is absolutely detrimental to hotel owners who are already suffering financially due to increased costs in all aspects of business including wages, utilities, property taxes, insurance, mortgages etc. and a huge reduction in business due to general tourism decline in the city.

No one is putting into account how hard it has become to sustain and survive as a business in these tough times, let alone continuously increasing taxes which are not even being used to help promote any kind of tourism or bring conventions to the hotels. There has to be some kind of relief owners should receive to survive rather than make it even harder.