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NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM

EDGARTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE

On **Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM** the Affordable Housing Committee will hold a public forum in the Selectmen's Meeting Room on the first floor of the Edgartown Town Hall. This forum is to discuss and receive public input on the **proposed warrant article to increase the Room Occupancy Excise Local Tax Rate from 4% to 6%**. The drafted warrant article to be discussed can be seen and downloaded from the Edgartown website under the hearing date <https://www.edgartown-ma.us/calendar> . All interested members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. Any correspondence can be sent to affordable@edgartown-ma.us or P.O Box 5158, Edgartown MA 02539.

Notice to the MV Times: Please publish the above legal notice two times.
Thursdays: February 22nd and February 29th 2024

Notice of the Vineyard Gazette: Please publish the above legal notice two times.
Fridays: February 23rd and March 1st 2024



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Vice-Chairman Jason Mazar-Kelly
Cornelius Moriarty, Maria Ventura,
Melissa Vincent, Casey O'Connor**

EDGARTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE

1. THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO INCREASE THE ROOM OCCUPANCY EXCISE LOCAL TAX RATE FROM 4% to 6%, pursuant to G.L.C. 64G SECTION 3A.

EXPLANATION FOR #1

TOWNS IN DUKES COUNTY ARE ALLOWED TO IMPOSE A ROOM OCCUPANCY EXCISE TAX RATE TAX OF UP TO 6%. ALL TOWNS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHILMARK AND EDGARTOWN IMPOSE A TAX OF 6%. EDGARTOWN CURRENTLY HAS A RATE OF 4%. THE TAX IS PAID BY THE RENTER AND REVENUES ARE DEPOSITED IN THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THIS FEE INCREASE WOULD ANNUALLY ADD 1.5 TO 2 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE TOWN'S REVENUES.

(PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADDRESS ALL THE REASONS)