



**April 2026**

## **FAQs for the Chicago Tourism Improvement District**

### **Is previously contracted business exempt from the new assessment collection that begins on May 1?**

The TID assessment will apply to reservations made or paid for prior to May 1, 2026, as well as those made after that date. This includes advanced payment bookings. These stays will require the hotel to charge upon check-in.

### **What will the TID be used for?**

The proceeds from the assessment collected by the city and then remitted to Choose Chicago for the sole purpose of promoting the city and attracting conventions, events and visitors. By city ordinance, these funds cannot be used for other purposes. This is not a tax, but a pre-tax self-assessment. Convention organizers benefit from these funds through enhanced promotion, event support and a stronger local hospitality infrastructure.

### **Is the TID fee taxable?**

The TID fee is not taxable. For example, a \$300 hotel receipt would collect 1.5% as a CTID Transaction Charge and separately 4.5% (\$13.50) for the Chicago Hotel Accommodations Tax.

### **Will the TID make Chicago's hotel taxes and fees the highest in the country?**

No. Although the 1.5% TID assessment adds a modest fee, Chicago's overall hotel tax and fee rates remain lower than many other cities. Many competitors also charge resort fees or have higher daily rates, so Chicago remains a cost-effective choice for conventions.

### **What kind of rooms does the TID apply to?**

The TID applies only to sleeping room revenue (not meeting rooms) and also covers certain other charges such as resort or destination fees, early check-in, or late checkout fees. There are limited exemptions, including long-term stays (longer than 30 consecutive days) and complimentary stays. It does not apply to meeting rooms.

### **Does the TID apply to non-profit organizations?**

Yes. The TID applies to nonprofit organizations even if they hold a tax-exempt letter.



**What is the best way to communicate with planners/clients/guests with contracted business that there is new fee?**

Provide clear, timely communication about the TID assessment to all planners and clients with existing contracts. Explain that the fee starts May 1, 2026 and applies to all eligible hotel stays, including previously contracted business.

**How will it appear on the guest folio?**

The TID assessment should appear as a separate line item labeled, for example, “CTID Transaction Charge,” on guest folios. It is not taxable and should be distinct from other taxes or fees, such as the Chicago Hotel Accommodations Tax, to ensure guests understand the charges.