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FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE

When applications are filed with the newly created City Emergency Hotel Licensing Board to operate hotels, apartments and motels for transient guests, applicants will automatically get a temporary two-week license to operate their establishments, Mayor Gordon S. Clinton said today.

The temporary license will insure that no hardship is placed upon the operator or World Fair visitor, and at the same time give the Board time to consider the application, Clinton said. The Board headquarters will be in Room 1100A, Public Safety Building.

Many inquiries are coming in to city offices from persons not affected by the new hotel licensing ordinance. Clinton pointed out that the ordinance does not apply to anyone renting less than four units to transients. Operators of all newly constructed establishments that opened since April 21, 1961, are entitled to a license for transients.

"The Emergency Hotel Licensing Board is going to take a reasonable and fair approach to all applications for licenses", Clinton said. "The members will weight fairly the different interests involved in each application. I believe that by this approach those establishments which most properly should serve as hotels during the fair will be able to do so, particularly when operators make reasonable efforts to make provision for any permanent residents presently occupying those units.

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"I am satisfied that in most cases where operators have spent substantial sums preparing for Fair guests they will be able to obtain licenses. At the same time we must protect our permanent residents."

The Emergency Hotel Licensing Board will meet to adopt procedural rules at 8:15 a.m. Monday in Room 5016 in the County-City Building. No action will be taken on any applications at this meeting.

Application forms for licenses are now being printed and will be available Monday in Room 1100A in the Public Safety Building. Copies of the ordinance will be available Friday morning in the Comptroller's office.

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