

Resolution # 2014-85-12

A Resolution Amending Resolution 93-1 Creating a Tourism Commission

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Indiana enacted the Uniform County Innkeeper's Tax, Indiana Code I.C. 6-9-18 which permits Wabash County ("County") to levy a tax on the gross retail income derived from the renting or furnishing, for periods of less than thirty (30) days, any room or rooms, lodgings or accommodations in any hotel, motel, boat motel, inn, college or university memorial union, college or university residence hall or dormitory, or tourist cabin in the County ("Tax").

WHEREAS, the revenues from the Tax are to be used solely to promote and encourage conventions, trade shows, special events, recreation and visitors, or industrial development within the County.

WHEREAS, the County Council ("Council") enacted the Tax on transactions that occur beginning January 1, 1993, and increased the tax rate from three percent (3%) to five percent (5%) by Wabash County Ordinance 98-6, beginning January 1, 1999.

WHEREAS, by its Resolution No. 93-1 adopted January 19, 2003, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, as authorized under Indiana Code, I.C. 6-9-18-5, created a commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, recreation and visitor industry in the County.

WHEREAS, by its resolution 2007-2 adopted November 19, 2007, the Board of Commissioners once amended Resolution No. 93-1.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Wabash County, Indiana, now wish to amend further Resolution No. 93-1 as follows:

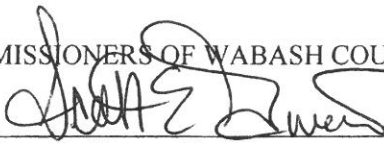
IT IS NOW RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

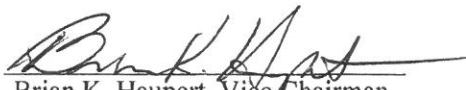
1. The Wabash County Tourism Commission was created to promote the development and growth of the convention recreation and visitor industry in Wabash County, Indiana.
2. The commission shall consist of nine (9) members, all of whom shall be residents of Wabash County, Indiana, appointed as follows:
 - 2.1. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Wabash, Indiana.
 - 2.2. One (1) member shall be appointed by the County Council for Wabash County, Indiana.
 - 2.3. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for Wabash County, Indiana.
 - 2.4. A simple majority of the members shall be engaged in a convention, visitor or tourism business or involved in or promoting conventions, visitors or tourism.
 - 2.5. At least two (2) members shall be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing rooms, lodging or accommodations.
 - 2.6. Not more than one (1) member may be affiliated with the same business entity.
 - 2.7. No more than a simple majority of the members may be affiliated with the same political party.
3. All terms of office of members shall be for two (2) years beginning on January 1.
4. No member may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

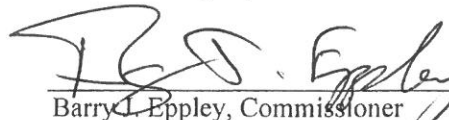
5. Any member may be removed for cause by his appointing authority.
6. If a vacancy occurs, the authority which appointed the member whose position has become vacant shall make the appointment to fill the vacancy; however, if the appointing authority does not fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, the Commission may make the appointment.
7. Members may not receive a salary.
8. Members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performances of their duties.
9. Each member, before entering upon the office, shall take an oath of office in the usual form to be endorsed upon the certificate of appointment and properly filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wabash County.
10. The Commission shall meet after January 1 of each year for the purpose of organizing and shall elect one of its member as president, another as vice president, another as secretary, and another as treasure. The members elected to those offices shall then perform the duties pertaining to those offices and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.
11. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
12. The concurrence of the majority of the members is necessary to authorize any action; concurrence or objections can be made in person during a regularly scheduled meeting of the members or votes cast by electronic transmission shall respond "reply-all" to the request for action. The results of the vote shall be confirmed promptly in writing or by electronic transmission. The writings and/or electronic transmissions shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Commission.
13. Action without a Meeting: Any action required or permitted to be taken by the members may be taken without a meeting, including by electronic transmission. "Electronic transmission" means any form of electronic communication, such as email, not directly involving the physical transmission of paper, that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved, and reviewed by a recipient thereof, and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the members voting shall be the act of the Commission.
14. The powers of the Commission shall be those set forth in Indiana Code 6-9-18-6.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners on Wabash County, Indiana, this 3rd day of the month of November 2014.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA


 Scott E. Givens, Chairman


 Brian K. Haupert, Vice Chairman


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 Attest:
 Linda L. Conrad, Wabash County Auditor