

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

Resolution # 2020-85-01

**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE
WABASH COUNTY CONVENTION, VISITOR, AND TOURISM INDUSTRY**

Under I.C. 6-9-18-5, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 93-1 which created a commission ("Tourism Commission") to promote the development, and growth of the convention, visitor, and tourism industry in the County.

Resolution 93-1 has been amended numerous times, and the Board of Commissioners believes that it is in the best interests of the County and its citizens that Resolution 93-1, and all subsequent amendments thereto, be revoked in their entirety and replaced by this resolution.

IT IS NOW RESOLVED:

1. **Size of Commission.** The Tourism Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, all of whom shall be residents of Wabash County, Indiana.
2. **Appointments.** Commission members shall be appointed as follows:
 - 2.1. Five (5) members by the Wabash County Board of Commissioners;
 - 2.2. Three (3) members by the Mayor of the City of Wabash, Indiana;
and
 - 2.3. One (1) member shall be appointed by the Wabash County Council.
3. **Qualifications of Members.** Members must meet the following qualifications:
 - 3.1. All members must be residents of Wabash County and of the State of Indiana, except that a member need not be a resident of the County if the member is an owner or an executive level employee of a convention, visitor, or tourism business that is located within the County.
 - 3.2. A simple majority of the members must be:
 - 3.2.1. engaged in a convention, visitor, or tourism business,

or

3.2.2. involved in or promoting conventions, visitors, or tourism.

3.3 If available and willing to serve, at least two (2) members must be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing rooms, lodging, or accommodations as described in I.C. 6-9-18-3.

3.4. Not more than one (1) member may be affiliated with the same business entity

3.5. Three (3) members should be engaged in a convention, visitor or tourism business or involved in or promoting conventions, visitors or tourism.

3.6. One (1) member should be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing rooms, lodging or accommodations.

3.7. Not more than one (1) member may be affiliated with the same business entity.

4. **Terms.** All terms of office shall be for two (2) years and begin on January 1 of each calendar year. No member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. If a vacancy occurs, the appropriate appointing authority shall appoint a new member to serve the remainder of the term. If the appointing authority fails to appoint a replacement member within thirty (30) of a vacancy occurring, the Commission shall appoint the replacement member by majority vote.

5. **Powers.** The Commission shall have the powers set forth in I.C. 6-9-18-6.

6. **Removal.** Any member of the Commission may be removed for cause by the member's appointing authority.

7. **No Salary.** Members may not receive a salary, but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performances of their duties.

8. **Oath.** Each member shall, before entering upon the member's duties, shall take an oath in the usual form, to be endorsed upon the member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with the Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court.

9. **Officers.** The Commission shall organize at its first meeting of each calendar year. At such meeting, it shall elect from among its members a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, who shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective office. Officers shall serve from the date of their election until their successors are elected and qualified.

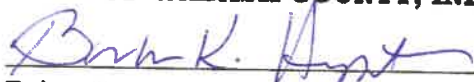
10. **Authorized Action.** The concurrence of a majority of the Commission is necessary to authorize any action.

11. **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. Members using electronic transmission shall respond "reply-all" to any 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.

12. **Revocation of Prior Resolution and Amendments.** This Resolution revokes Resolution 93-1 and all subsequent amendments thereto.

ADOPTED this 13 day of January, 2020.

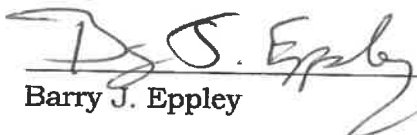
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