

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

RESOLUTION 125 - 2014

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, RCW 67.28.180 authorizes the legislative body of any county to levy and collect a special excise tax not to exceed two percent on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging that is subject to tax under RCW chapter 82.08; and

WHEREAS, the Okanogan County Commissioners previously adopted Resolution 51-98 to establish a special excise tax board in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Board of Okanogan County Commissioners deems it in the best interest of Okanogan County to establish the composition of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee as defined in RCW 67.28.1817, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the County for the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to make recommendations on the expenditures of Hotel/Motel Taxes received by the county to the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners for the promotion and marketing of tourism; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions 37-99, 76-99, 5-2004, and 11-2004 are contrary to RCW 67.38.1817 and do not conform with the requirements of RCW 67.28.1817 in regard to the title or composition of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners as follows:

Resolutions 37-99, 76-99, 5-2004, and 11-2004 are hereby rescinded because they do not conform to the composition for requirements of the Lodging Tax Advisory Board as stated in RCW 67.28.1817; and

Section 1: Definitions:

"Board" means the Board of the Okanogan County Commissioners.

"Committee" means the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

"Collectors" of taxes means a representative of a business that is required to collect tax under RCW 67.28. Collectors cannot sit on the Committee as receivers; collectors must be equal in number to receivers on the Committee.

"Receivers" of taxes are persons who are involved in activities authorized to be funded under RCW 67.28. Receivers cannot sit on the Committee as collectors; receivers must be equal in number to collectors on the Committee.

"Current" means collectors who are at the present time, collecting taxes under RCW 67.28; "current" also means receivers who are at the present time involved in activities authorized to be funded under RCW 67.28.

Section 2: Intent:

It is the intent of the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that the Committee formed per this resolution is limited to those activities necessary to make recommendations to the Board as to the best use of funds collected pursuant to Resolution 51-98, and funds collected pursuant to RCW chapters 67.28 and 82.08, for the enhancement and marketing of tourism and promotion of tourism-related activities within the County.

Section 3: Composition of Committee:

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members as defined and mandated by RCW 67.28.1817:

Position 1). One member from Commissioner District 1 of Okanogan County that is required to collect taxes under RCW 67.28;

Position 2). One member from Commissioner District 1 of Okanogan County that is authorized to receive revenue from taxes collected under RCW 67.28;

Position 3). One member from Commissioner District 2 of Okanogan County that is required to collect taxes under RCW 67.28;

Position 4). One member from Commissioner District 2 of Okanogan County that is authorized to receive revenue from taxes collected under RCW 67.28;

Position 5). One member from Commissioner District 3 of Okanogan County that is required to collect taxes under RCW 67.28;

Position 6). One member from Commissioner District 3 of Okanogan County that is authorized to receive revenue from taxes collected under RCW 67.28;

Position 7). An elected official of Okanogan County who will serve as chair of the committee.

Section 4: Terms of Committee members:

The Board shall appoint all seven members of the Lodging Advisory Tax committee. All initial terms begin on January 1, 2015.

Position 1: Term ends June of 2016;

Position 2: Term ends June of 2016;

Position 3: Term ends June of 2017;

Position 4: Term ends June of 2017;

Position 5: Term ends June of 2018;

Position 6: Term ends June of 2018;

Position 7: Term ends June of 2018;

THEREAFTER: The term of each committee member shall be for three years. Terms shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of the third year.

Section 5: Removal of Committee members:

Committee members may need to resign or be removed from the Committee for various reasons. If a Committee member requests to resign or there is a request to remove the member from the Committee, the Committee will, using its own policies and procedures, report the nature of the request and the facts surrounding the request to the Board. The Board will then in its own discretion, accept or decline the request for resignation or removal.

Section 6: Vacancies on the Lodging Tax and Advisory Committee:

If a vacancy occurs on the Committee, the Board may solicit applications for membership by media notice, written letter, or any other viable way that the Board deems appropriate.

Section 7: Annual review of Committee Members by the Board:

The Board shall review the membership of the advisory Committee annually and makes changes as appropriate. The Board shall conduct reviews in June of each year and ensure that all members' are either current collectors or receivers as defined in section 1 and mandated by RCW 67.28.1817.

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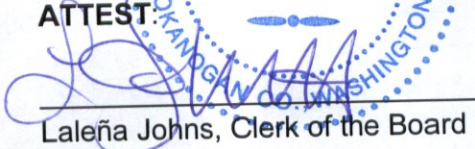
Should any section of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstances be held invalid, the remainder of this resolution or the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected, and shall remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners.

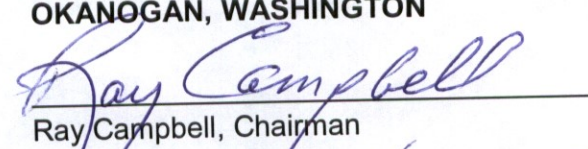
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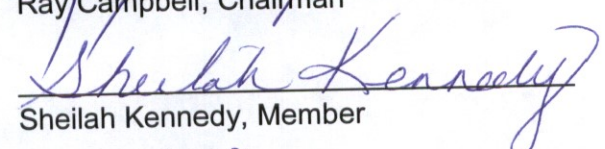
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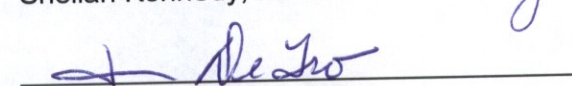

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