



**Amendment of the November 19, 2012 Resolution Confirming the Levy of an Existing 3% Occupancy Tax, Increasing the Levy of Occupancy Tax by 1%, and Creating the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority  
Amended January 30, 2017  
Amended October 16, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2012, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution, authorized under Session Law 2011-170, House Bill 96, to continue assessing and collecting the current 3% occupancy tax, to levy an additional 3% occupancy tax, and to create a single Tourism Development Authority (“Authority”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners amended the Resolution on January 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners recognize that the Tourism Development Authority would like to operate more efficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners recognize that reducing the number of Board members from fifteen (15) members down to nine (9) members and changing the definition of a quorum would allow the Board to operate more efficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners recognize that expanding the group classification definition is necessary to obtain more eligible members; and

**WHEREAS**, keeping the makeup of the Board unchanged while reducing the number of members of the Board will allow the Board to operate efficiently while remaining in compliance with the legislation that enabled the Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, after a public hearing on October 16, 2017 desire to amend the Resolution (R12-34) adopted November 19, 2012 and amended January 30, 2017 to reduce the number of members of the Board of Directors of the Authority and to revise the definition of a quorum and the definition of group classifications.

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

1. That the text of R12-34, Section 2: Appointment of Membership (A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 2: Appointment of Membership**

- A. The Jackson County Tourism Development Authority shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed and approved by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. They shall also be voting residents and/or taxpayers of the County or employees of a Jackson County business that collects Jackson County Occupancy Tax or pays Jackson County Property Tax. At least one half of members should be active in the promotion of travel and tourism in Jackson County.

**Group One** – (3) Lodging Properties; (2) Hotel/Resort/Inn Properties - North Jackson County; (1) from other occupancy tax remitters from establishments with 10+ units/rooms.

**Group Two** – (3) Lodging Properties; (2) Hotel/Resort/Inn Properties - South Jackson County; (1) from other occupancy tax remitters from establishments with 10+ units/rooms.

**Group Three** – (1) Tourism-related business representative from Jackson County At-Large

**Group Four** – (1) representative from the Cashiers Chamber of Commerce in a non-lodging, tourism-related business (who is not employed by the CACOC). The Executive Director from the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Director will be an ex officio member with no term limit.

**Group Five** – (1) representative from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in a non-lodging, tourism-related business (who is not employed by the JCCOC). The Executive Director from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Director will be an ex officio member with no term limit.

2. That the text of R12-34, Section 3: Terms of Appointments is hereby amended to add an exception to the second paragraph to allow for Board Member consistency when there is a reconfiguration of the Board of Directors. Section 3 shall read as follows:

**Section 3: Terms of Appointments.**

The initial terms of the members of the Authority shall be as follows:

- A. One year term: two members from Group One, two members from Group Two and one member from Group Three.
- B. Two year term: two members from Group One, two members from Group Two and one member from Group Three and one member from Group Four.
- C. Three year term: one member from Group One, one member from Group Two, one member from Group Three, one member from Group Five.

Thereafter, all terms shall be for three years except, in order to continue a rotating membership, when there is a reconfiguration of the Board Members by Resolution of the Commissioners, one member of Group One and one member of Group Two may have their current term extended for an additional year. Reappointment to the Authority shall be limited to two consecutive terms with eligibility for another reappointment after sitting out for one year.


3. That the text of R12-34, Section 9: Quorum is hereby amended to change the definition of a quorum to be a majority of the number of directors required by these By-laws. Section 9 shall read as follows:

**Section 9: Quorum.** A majority of the number of directors fixed by these By-Laws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

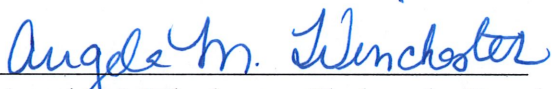
**ADOPTED** the 16th day of October, 2017.



JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
By: Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board

  
APPROVED  
COUNTY ATTORNEY