

**ORDINANCE 2025-16
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CASS COUNTY, INDIANA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-06
PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CASS COUNTY TOURISM
COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 6-9-18-3(a) provides that the fiscal body of a County may levy a tax on every person engaged in the business of 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, located in the county.

WHEREAS, the Cass County Council on February 1, 2004, levied a Uniform County Inkeeper's Tax in Cass County (hereinafter "County"), by and through County Council Ordinance 2003-05, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-9-18-3; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 6-9-18-5 provides that the County Executive (Commissioners) shall create a Commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, visitor, and tourism industry in the County where a Uniform County Inkeeper's Tax is levied by the County Council pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-9-18-3; and

WHEREAS, Cass County desires to continue to establish the Cass County Tourism Commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, visitor, recreation and tourism industry in Cass County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cass County has determined the continuation of the establishment of such a Commission is in the best interest of the County, and its citizens, and taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cass County, Indiana, as follows:

1. The Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby confirms that the Cass County Tourism Commission shall continue, and shall operate pursuant to I.C. § 6-9-18-1 et seq.

2. The Cass County Board of Commissioners hereby determines that the Cass County Tourism Commission shall consist of five (5) members, a simple majority of which must be:

- a. Engaged in a convention, visitor, or tourism business; or
- b. Involved in or promoting conventions, visitors or tourism.

In all other respects, members must be qualified, and are subject to the provisions of I.C. § 6-9-18-5.

3. After expiration of the current terms of existing members of the Cass County Tourism Commission, appointments to the Board shall be made by the following entities:

- a. The Cass County Board of Commissioners shall appoint three (3) of the members.
- b. The Mayor of the City of Logansport shall appoint two (2) of the members.

4. The existing members of the Cass County Tourism Commission shall retain their offices until the expiration of their current term. Upon the completion of the current members' terms, the following schedule of appointments shall apply:

- a. The Cass County Board of Commissioners shall appoint the replacement of the first current member whose term shall expire, upon the expiration of said term.
- b. The Mayor of the City of Logansport shall appoint the replacement of the second current member whose term shall expire, upon expiration of said term.
- c. The Cass County Board of Commissioners shall appoint the replacement of the third current member whose term shall expire, upon expiration of said term.
- d. The Mayor of the City of Logansport shall appoint the replacement of the fourth current member whose term shall expire, upon expiration of said term.
- e. The Cass County Board of Commissioners shall appoint the replacement of the fifth current member whose term shall expire, upon expiration of said term.

5. Newly appointed members of the Cass County Tourism Commission shall hold their offices for terms of two (2) years. All terms of office of the Commission members shall begin on January 1st. A member whose term expires may be reappointed to serve another term. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the term. If an initial appointment is not made by February 1st, or a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the Commission shall appoint by majority vote.
6. The powers of the Cass County Tourism Commission are those set out in Indiana Code § 6-9-18-6. Indiana Code § 6-9-18-6(a) provides that the Commission may accept and use gifts, grants, and contributions from any public or private source, under terms and conditions that the Commission considers necessary and desirable; sue and be sued; enter into contracts and agreements; make rules necessary for the conduct of its business and the accomplishment of its purposes; receive and approve, alter, or reject requests and proposals for funding by qualified not-for-profit corporations pursuant to I.C. § 6-9-18-6(a)(6); after its approval of a proposal, transfer money, quarterly or less frequently, from the funds established under I.C. § 6-9-18-4(a), or from money transferred from that fund to the Commission's Treasurer under I.C. § 6-9-18-4(b) to any Indiana not-for-profit corporation to promote and encourage conventions, visitors, or tourism in the county; and require financial or other reports from any corporation that receives funds under I.C. § 6-9-18-6. All expenses of the Commission shall be paid from the fund established under section I.C. § 6-9-18-4(a) of this chapter or from money transferred from that fund to the Commission's Treasurer under section I.C. § 6-9-18-6 4(b) of this chapter. The Commission shall annually prepare a budget, taking into consideration the recommendations made by a not-for-profit corporation qualified under subsection I.C. § 6-9-18-6(a)(6) and submit it to the County fiscal body for its review and approval. An expenditure may not be made under this chapter unless it is in accordance with an appropriation made by the County fiscal body in the manner provided by law.
7. All money coming into possession of the Commission shall be deposited, held, secured, invested, and paid in accordance with statutes relating to the handling of public fund. The handling and expenditure of money coming into possession of the Commission is subject to audit and supervision by the State Board of Accounts.


8. The purpose of the Commission shall be to promote, assist and encourage the development and growth of the convention, visitor, recreation, and tourism industry in Cass County, in accordance with Indiana Code § 6-9-18-5.
9. A member of the Commission may be removed for cause by the member's appointment authority.
10. Members of the Commission may not receive a salary. However, Commission members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their respective duties.
11. Each Commission member, before entering the member's duties, shall take an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed upon the member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County.
12. The Commission shall meet after January 1 each year for the purpose of the organization. It shall elect one (1) of its members President, another Vice President, another Secretary, and another Treasurer. The members elected to those offices shall perform the duties pertaining to the elected offices. A majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of the Commission if necessary to authorize any action.

PASS AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Cass County, Indiana, this
17 day of November, 2025.

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Ruth Baker, President



Michael Stajduhar, Vice President



Mike Deitrich, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Alicia Pifer, County Auditor