

Wabash County Resolution 93-1

A Resolution Creating A Tourism Commission

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Indiana has enacted the Uniform County Innkeeper's Tax, Indiana Code I.C. 6-9-18 which permits Wabash County ("County") to levy a tax at the rate of three percent (3%) of 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"); and

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

WHEREAS, the County Council ("Council") has enacted the Tax on transactions that occur beginning January 1, 1993; and,

WHEREAS, the County Executive is authorized under Indiana Code, I.C. 6-9-18-5, to create a commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, recreation and visitor industry in the county; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF WABASH COUNTY THAT:

Section 1. It does hereby create the Wabash County Tourism Commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, recreation and visitor industry in the county.

Section 2. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members meeting the following criteria:

A. At least one (1) member engaged in the hotel or motel business in the county.

B. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Wabash.

C. One (1) member shall be appointed by the County Council of Wabash County.

D. Five (5) members shall be appointed by the County Commissioners of Wabash County.

E. To serve on the Commission a member must be a resident of the county.

F. No more than a simple majority of the entire membership of the Commission may be from the same political party.

Section 3. The term of office for the members of the Commission shall be as follows:

A. All terms shall commence on January 1.

B. Initial appointments shall be staggered with at least one-half of the members appointed serving a one year term with all subsequent appointments serving for a two year term.

C. A member whose term expires may be reappointed to serve an additional term.

D. If a vacancy occurs during a term, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the term; provided however, that if an initial appointment is not made by February 1 or a vacancy is not filled within 30 days, the Commission shall appoint a member by a majority vote.

E. A member of the Commission may be removed for cause by that member's appointing authority.

Section 4. Members of the Commission may not receive a salary for serving upon the Commission; however, they are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred and the performance of their respective duties.

Section 5. Each Commission 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.

Section 6. The Commission shall meet after January 1 of each year for the purpose of organization and shall elect one of its members as President, another as Vice President, another as Secretary, and another as Treasurer. 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.

Section 7. A majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum and the concurrence of the majority of the Commission is necessary to authorize any action.

Section 8. The powers of the Commission shall be those set forth in Indiana Code 6-9-18-6.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be effective the 1st day of January, 1993.

THE WABASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Presiding Officer

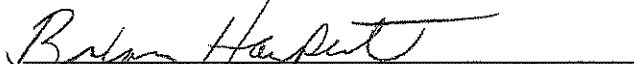
Approved by the County Commissioners of Wabash County this 19th day
of January, 1993.



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Auditor, Wabash County

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