

ORDINANCE No. 2020- 18

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE CONVENTION, RECREATION, AND VISITOR INDUSTRY IN MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §6-9-18-5 authorizes a county executive to create a commission to promote the growth and development of the convention, recreation, and visitor industry in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Council has adopted an ordinance to collect a tax on gross retail income derived from lodging within Martin County; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a visitors' commission will be beneficial in determining the appropriate spending on funds collected from this tax;

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


- 1) There is hereby established the Martin County Convention and Visitors Commission ("Commission"). This purpose of this Commission is to promote the development and growth of the convention, recreation, tourism, visitor, industrial growth in Martin County, Indiana.
- 2) The Commission shall be composed of five (5) members. Each member must reside OR must own and/or be an executive level employee of a convention, visitor, tourism, or economic development business located within Martin County. All members must reside in Indiana. Each Commission member shall serve a two-year term.
- 3) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Martin County Board of Commissioners; One (1) member shall be appointed by the Martin County Council; One (1) member shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Loogootee; and One (1) member shall be appointed by the Shoals Town Board. If willing and available, at least two (2) members must be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing rooms, lodging, or accommodations in the county. Not more than one (1) member may be affiliated with the same business entity.
- 4) The terms of the initial members of the Commission shall extend as follows: The terms of one member appointed by the Martin County Board of Commissioners, one member

appointed by the Mayor of the City of Loogootee and the member appointed by the Martin County Council shall expire on December 31, 2020. The terms of the two remaining initial members of the Commission shall expire on December 31, 2021. Thereafter, a member may be reappointed to serve subsequent 2-year terms. Following the initial terms, each term on the Commission shall begin on January 1. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified member to serve for the remainder of the term. A member may be removed for cause by his or her appointing authority. If an initial appointment is not made by February 1 or a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the Commission shall appoint a member by majority vote.


- 5) Members of the Commission may not receive a salary, but they may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- 6) The Commission shall operate according to the requirements provided by Indiana Code §6-9-18-5.

Adopted this 14 day of September, 2020

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA.

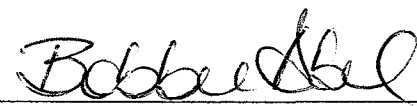


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