

ORDINANCE NO. 2019- 06
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CASS COUNTY, INDIANA

An Ordinance pertaining to the Cass County Tourism Commission

WHEREAS, the Cass County Council has previously levied a Uniform County Innkeeper's Tax in Cass County (hereinafter, "County") pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-9-18-3; and

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

WHEREAS, the County desires to establish such a commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, visitor, recreation and tourism industry in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cass County have determined 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 in existence, 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 terms 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. New appointed members of the Cass County Tourism Commission shall hold their offices for terms of two (2) years. A member whose term expires may be reappointed to serve another term.
6. The powers of the Commission are those set out in Indiana Code § 6-9-18-6.
7. 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.
8. A member of the Commission may be removed for cause by the member's appointing authority.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. The Commission shall meet after January 1 each year for the purpose of 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 offices. The first officers chosen shall serve from the date of their election until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority of the Commission constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of the Commission is necessary to authorize any action.

Passed and adopted by the County Commissioners of Cass County, Indiana this 17 day of June, 2019.

CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


James L. Sailors


Ralph Anderson


Ryan Browning

Attest:


Cheryl Alcorn, County Auditor