TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL APPLICATION

Council Membership Application Process:

Applicants will submit the application form (see attached). Only one applicant per bed tax collector or organization shall be allowed. The applicant must meet the Council appointment criteria listed above.

All open seats will be publicly noticed that applications are being accepted. Applicants will be presented for each of the qualifying seats to the BCC for appointment.

Each time a seat is open, the process of public notice will occur in order to place new Council Members by the beginning of their term January 1st. In the event an opening occurs prior to its scheduled expiration date, such notice and selection will be made as soon as possible/practical.

Resignation/Termination of Membership:

A Council Member's term shall be concluded upon the expiration of the appointed term, if such term is not renewed for a new term by the BCC; upon resignation; upon individual's no longer conforming to the statutory criteria to hold the seat to which they were appointed; upon vote of the BCC to remove a member for violations of any laws of the State of Florida, the United States or for the violation of any code of conduct outlined by the Tourism Department.

In the event a member should wish to resign from their seat or should no longer meet the statutory criteria to hold such seat, said individual shall forward a letter to the Tourism Director and the BCC stating these facts, and shall additionally tender a letter of resignation along with this submittal.

Council Members shall not take any action that would undermine the actions of the Tourism Department if such action has been approved by the Council or the Walton County BCC.

Appointment of new member in the event of seat vacancy:

If any seat of the Council should become vacant for any reason, the BCC may appoint an individual qualified to hold said seat for the remainder of the term that the departing Council Member was serving.

The Tourism Department shall fill such temporary terms through the same application process as is conducted for any vacant seat, however, application for a temporary seat shall not serve to excuse an individual from being required to reapply for said seat at the conclusion of that term.

Upon the conclusion of a term that has been temporarily filled, the Tourism Department shall undertake an application process for that seat at the time said term shall be up for fulfillment. This term shall then comply with the original staggered four-year term that the seat was originally scheduled to serve.

Addendum A