

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.

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

Each time a seat becomes available, the process of public notice will occur to appoint new council members by the beginning of their term, which is January 1. In the event an opening occurs before 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 will conclude upon the expiration of the appointed term; or upon resignation; or upon the individual no longer conforming to the statutory criteria to hold the seat to which they were appointed; or upon vote of the BCC to remove a member for violations of any laws of the State of Florida or the United States or for the violation of any code of conduct outlined by the Tourism Department.

In the event a member wishes to resign from their seat or no longer meets the statutory criteria to hold the seat, the individual shall submit a letter of explanation to the tourism director and the BCC, as well as an official letter of resignation.

Council members shall not undermine the actions of the tourism department if the action is approved by the Council or the Walton County BCC.

Appointment of a new council member in the event of a seat vacancy:

If any seat of the Council becomes 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 temporary terms through the same application process as is conducted for any vacant seat; however, an application for a temporary seat does not excuse an individual from being required to reapply for a full 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 is due for fulfillment. This term shall then comply with the original staggered four-year term that the seat was originally scheduled to serve.

Addendum A

Application for appointment to Walton County Tourist Development Council

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Business: _____

Business Address: _____

Are you currently a registered Walton County Voter: _____ Yes _____ No

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Business website: _____

Qualifications: Please describe your area of expertise and/or interest that will benefit the TDC. If you are a bed tax collector, please include the number of units you manage/own. A typed response is preferred. Please attach a separate page if more space is needed.
