



**Amendment of the November 19, 2012 Resolution Confirming the Levy of an Existing 3% Occupancy Tax, Increasing the Levy of Occupancy Tax by 1%, and Creating the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority
Amended January 30, 2017**

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2012, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution, authorized under Session Law 2011-170, House Bill 96, to continue assessing and collecting the current 3% occupancy tax, to levy an additional 3% occupancy tax, and to create a single Tourism Development Authority (“Authority”); and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners recognize that the Tourism Development Authority would like to expand the number of accommodations who qualify to have representatives appointed to the Tourism Development Authority Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners recognize that reducing the room requirement for medium properties in Section 2 (A) (Group One) and (Group Two) would increase the number of individuals eligible to serve on the Tourism Development Authority Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of individuals eligible to serve on the Board of Directors allows a broader representation of the tourism industry to be involved in promoting travel and tourism in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, after public hearing on January 30, 2017 desire to amend the Resolution (R12-34) adopted November 19, 2102 to reduce the room requirements and to remove the section allowing for vote by email.

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

1. That the text of R12-34, Section 2: Appointment of Membership (A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2: Appointment of Membership

- A. The Jackson County Tourism Development Authority shall consist of fifteen (15) members who shall be appointed and approved by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. They shall also be voting residents and/or taxpayers of the County or employees of a Jackson County business that collects Jackson County Occupancy Tax or pays Jackson County Property Tax.

Group One – (5) Lodging Properties – south Jackson County; (3) medium properties – 10 rooms/units and up, (1) B&B, B&B Inn/Country Inn-25 rooms or less; and (1) Home Rental/Condo/Timeshare/Vehicular Campsite (if they collect tax),

Group Two – (5) Lodging Properties – north Jackson County; (3) medium properties – 10 rooms/units and up, (1) B&B, B&B Inn/Country Inn-25 rooms or less; and (1) Home Rental/Condo/Timeshare/Vehicular Campsite (if they collect tax),

Group Three- (3) Retail/Tourism related business representatives to include (1) from south Jackson County, (1) from north Jackson County and (1) Jackson County At-Large,

Group Four – (1) representative from the Cashiers Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director from the Cashiers Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Director will be an ex officio member with no term limit.

Group Five – (1) representative from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Director will be an ex officio member with no term limit, and

2. That the text of R12-34, Section 5: Meetings is hereby amended to delete the last paragraph of the section that previously allowed for vote to be taken by email. Section 5 shall read as follows:

Section 5: Meetings

The Authority shall meet as deemed necessary by the Chairperson but in any event it shall hold a meeting at least quarterly. Special meetings of the Authority may be called at any time by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson. At least forty-eight (48) hours written notice of the time and place of Special Meetings shall be given by the Secretary or by the Chairperson to each member of the Authority.

All Authority meetings are to be held in accordance with Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, commonly referred to as the Open Meetings Law.

The Secretary of the Authority shall keep a record of its member's attendance, of the Authority's resolutions, discussions, findings, and recommendations. The Authority may adopt its own rules of procedure or in absence thereof, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall apply.

ADOPTED the 30th day of January, 2017.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board