

RESOLUTION

Date: 08-16-2023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION
FORMING THE LAFAYETTE TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
AND PROVIDING FOR A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN
ASSESSMENT THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission (the "Commission") serves as the tourist commission for Lafayette Parish pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4574; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 11-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:4600.1 *et seq.*)(the "Act") authorizes tourist commissions to form tourism recovery and improvement districts upon petition by business owners located within the boundaries of the district who will pay more than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the assessments, or by business owners constituting more than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total assessed businesses by number; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to form the Lafayette Tourism Improvement District (the "District") in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, business owners who constitute more than sixty-seven percent (67%) of the total assessed businesses by number, within the boundaries of the District, have petitioned the Commission to establish the District; and

WHEREAS, the District, the boundaries of which are as shown on Exhibit A, includes lodging businesses in Lafayette Parish; and

WHEREAS, included with the petitions was a summary of the Management Plan (the "Plan") as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the assessment methodology is based on benefit to the assessed lodging businesses with the District, and the assessed lodging businesses will receive a specific benefit from the activities and improvements set forth in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to give notice of its intention to levy an assessment of 2% (the "Assessment") on gross lodging room rental revenue on certain lodging businesses within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Commission (the "Board"), will hold a public hearing as required by the Act to hear and receive all objections and protests, if any, to the levy of the proposed assessment in the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAFAYETTE PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION, THAT:

1. The recitals set forth herein are adopted by the Board as findings and they are true and correct.

2. In accordance with the provisions and authority conferred by the Act, there is hereby formed the Lafayette Tourism Improvement District (the "District") which shall comprise and embrace the boundaries shown on **Exhibit A** hereto and all lodging businesses contained therein. The District shall continue to exist until the later of (i) five (5) years from the date hereof (or earlier dissolution by the Commission) or (ii) final maturity of any bonds or other debt obligations issued by or on behalf of the District to finance capital improvements therein. The District shall be governed by, and shall have the same domicile as, the Board. The District shall have all rights, powers and privileges granted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, including the Act.

3. The Board shall create a 7-member advisory committee comprised of the President and CEO of the Commission, the Acadiana Hotel/Motel Lodging Association ("AHMLA") appointee to the Board, 2 members of the Executive Committee of the Board or 2 members chosen by the Board, and three local hoteliers nominated by the AHMLA. The three local hoteliers will serve a three-year term and will be eligible for reappointment for a second term.

4. The Plan submitted herewith is hereby adopted and approved.

5. The activities and improvements to be provided to benefit businesses in the District will be funded by the levy of the Assessment. The revenue from the levy of the Assessment shall not be used for any purpose other than the purposes permitted by law and specified in the Plan and the resolution levying the Assessment.

6. The Board shall give notice of its intention to levy the Assessment to the owners of the businesses proposed to be assessed and shall hold a public hearing on the date specified in such notice, all as required by the Act. After disposing of any and all objections at such public hearing, the Board may, if it determines to do so, adopt a resolution or ordinance levying the Assessment.

7. If any provision of this Resolution shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Resolution which validates or makes legal any provision of this Resolution which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution.

8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **RESOLUTION** having been introduced and notice of public meeting having been announced, said public meeting having been held, the title having been read, the **RESOLUTION** considered, and record of vote taken at a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the 16th day of August, 2023 by the following vote:

Moved by: *Gerald Breaux* Seconded by: *Chris Alack*

YEAS: *5* *Chris Alack, Gerald Breaux, James Doré, Vincent June, Nayan Patel*

NAYS: *0*

ABSENT: *4* *Patrick Hardy, John O'Meara, Ricky Patel, Brenda Truhan*

ABSTAIN: *0*

And the **RESOLUTION** was declared **ADOPTED** on this 16th day of August 2023.



James Doré
Chair

CITIZENSHIP
New Louisiana

EXHIBIT A

Boundary Map

