

ORDINANCE No. 2022- 30



AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE CONVENTION, RECREATION, AND VISITOR INDUSTRY IN WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §6-9-18-5 authorizes a county executive to create a commission to promote the growth and development of the convention, recreation, and visitor industry in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Wells County Council has adopted an ordinance to collect a tax on gross retail income derived from lodging within Wells County; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a visitors' commission will be beneficial in determining the appropriate spending on funds collected from this tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells that:

1. There is hereby established the Wells County Convention and Visitors Commission ("Commission"). The purpose of this Commission is to promote the development and growth of the convention, recreation, tourism, visitor, industrial growth in Wells County, Indiana.
2. The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members. Each member must reside OR must own and/or be an executive level employee of a convention, visitor, tourism, or economic development business located within Wells County. All members must reside in Indiana. Each Commission member shall serve a two-year term.
3. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells; Two (2) member shall be appointed by the Wells County Council; Three (3) member shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Bluffton; and One (1) member shall be appointed by the Ossian Town Board. If willing and available, at least two (2) members must be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing rooms, lodging, or accommodations in the county. Not more than one (1) member may be affiliated with the same business entity.
4. The terms of the initial members of the Commission shall extend as follows: The terms of one member appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells, one member appointed by the Mayor of the City of Bluffton and two members appointed by the Wells County Council shall expire on December 31, 2023. The terms of the five remaining initial members of the Commission shall expire on December 31, 2024. Thereafter, a member may be reappointed to serve subsequent 2-year terms. Following the initial terms, each term on the Commission shall begin on January 1. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing

authority shall appoint a qualified member to serve for the remainder of the term. A member may be removed for cause by his or her appointing authority. If an initial appointment is not made by February 1 or a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the Commission shall appoint a member by majority vote.

5. Members of the Commission may not receive a salary, but they may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
6. The Commission shall operate according to the requirements provided by Indiana Code §6-9-18-5.

All as Passed and Ordained this 19th day of December, 2022.

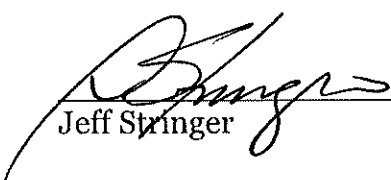
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WELLS:



Michael K Vanover



Blake Gerber



Jeff Stringer

ATTEST:



Lisa McCormick, Auditor

I affirm under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

Lisa McCormick

Prepared by: Chad Kline