

# Marion County Tourist Development Council

## Annual Membership Eligibility Attestation

I attest that I have read and do understand Florida Statute section 125.0104 and Marion County Resolution 04-R-44 concerning membership in the Marion County Tourist Development Council.

I further attest that I am eligible for membership on the Marion County Tourist Development Council as one of the following membership classifications:

- I am an elected Marion County official on the Board of County Commissioners.
- I am an elected municipal official.
- I am an owner or operator of a motel, hotel or other tourist accommodation in the county and subject to the tourist development tax. **I further attest that I or my representatives are current in filing the required tax forms.**
- I am involved in the tourist industry and have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, and that I am not an owner or operator of a motel, hotel or other tourist accommodation in the County and subject to the tax. List your involvement:  
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I further attest that I am an elector of the county.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

### **State Statute 125.0104 - Section (4)(e)**

The governing board of each county which levies and imposes a tourist development tax under this section shall appoint an advisory council to be known as the “Marion County Tourist Development Council.” The council shall be established by ordinance and composed of nine members who shall be appointed by the governing board. The chair of the governing board of the county or any other member of the governing board as designated by the chair shall serve on the council. Two members of the council shall be elected municipal officials, at least one of whom shall be from the most populous municipality in the county or subcounty special taxing district in which the tax is levied. Six members of the council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, of which members, not less than three nor more than four shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in the county and subject to the tax. All members of the council shall be electors of the county. The governing board of the county shall have the option of designating the chair of the council or allowing the council to elect a chair. The chair shall be appointed or elected annually and may be reelected or reappointed. The members of the council shall serve for staggered terms of 4 years. The terms of office of the original members shall be prescribed in the resolution required under paragraph (b).

**Marion County Resolution 04-R-44 –**

Section 2: There is hereby established the Marion County Tourist Development Council. The Tourist Development Council shall be composed of nine (9) members as follows:

1. The chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or any other member of the Board of County Commissioners designated by the chairman. This member shall serve a term of four (4) years as long as he is a member of the Board of County Commissioners.
2. One (1) member shall be an elected municipal official from the City of Ocala. This member shall serve a term of four (4) years as long as he is an elected municipal official.
3. One (1) member shall be an elected municipal official from a municipality in Marion County. This member shall serve a term of four (4) years as long as he is an elected municipal official.
4. Six (6) members shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, of which, not less than three (3) nor more than four (4) shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in Marion County and subject to the tax. Two of these members shall serve terms of four (4) years and the remaining four (4) members shall serve initial terms of two (2) years and thereafter for terms of four (4) years.
5. All members of the Tourist Development Council shall be electors of Marion County.
6. The Tourist Development Council shall meet at least once each quarter and, from time to time, shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the effective operation of the special projects or for uses of the tourist development tax revenue and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by county ordinances or resolutions. The Tourist Development Council shall continuously review expenditures of revenues from the tourist development trust fund and shall receive, at least quarterly, expenditure reports from the Board of County Commissioners or its designee. Expenditures which the Tourist Development Council believes to be unauthorized shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Revenue.