

## Travel & Tourism Advisory By-Laws – Summary of Changes

### Under Article I:

Change Gaston County Travel & Tourism Advisory Board to Gaston County Tourism Development Advisory Board.

### Under Article II:

Change Gaston County Department of Travel & Tourism to Gaston County Tourism Development.

Remove: travel and / Add: and development / Remove: travel & / Add: and development / Remove: travel &

Article II to read as follows:

The object of the organization is to advise the Gaston County Department of Tourism Development and the Gaston County Board of Commissioners regarding tourism issues in Gaston County, the promotion and development of tourism in Gaston County through county, state, regional, national and international resources and the promotion and development of Gaston County tourism through commercial resources.

### Under Article IV:

**Section 2:** Remove: Travel & Tourism / Add: Tourism Development / Add: ,except where service term termination, expiration or resignation of an officer necessitates replacement.

**Section 2 to read as follows:** The Tourism Development Advisory Board shall organize and elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman annually at the regular meeting in the month of January, except where service term termination, expiration or resignation of an officer necessitates replacement.

**Section 3:** Remove: Travel & Tourism / Add: Tourism Development Advisory Board / Add: Advisory

**Section 3 to read as follows:** The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and public hearings of the Tourism Development Advisory Board and shall decide on all matters of order and procedure using Robert's Rules of Order. The Chairman shall appoint any committee found necessary to investigate any matters before the Advisory Board or to perform any of its duties as directed.

**Section 5:** Remove: Travel & Tourism Administrative Assistant / Add: Tourism Development Business Operations Specialist / Remove: Travel & Tourism / Add: Tourism Development Advisory Board

**Section 5 to read as follows:** The Tourism Development Business Operations Specialist shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, the Minutes of the Tourism Development Advisory Board, and shall cause proper notice of Board meetings be disseminated in accordance with the NC Open Meetings Law.

**Section 6:** Remove: Travel & Tourism/ Add: Tourism Development / Remove: represent entities which / Remove: shall not be eligible for election as officers of the Board and / Add: Advisory

**Section 6 to read as follows:** Members of the Tourism Development Advisory Board who could benefit from the distribution of occupancy tax revenues or who otherwise appear to have a conflict of interest regarding the use of occupancy tax revenues or other public funds shall be excused from participating in any Advisory Board action in which there is an appearance of a conflict of interest.

### Under Article V:

**Section 1:** Remove: Travel & Tourism / Add: Tourism Development / Add: except July, in a hybrid format via conference call or video link or in-person

**Section 1 to read as follows:** Regular Meetings of the Tourism Development Advisory Board shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m., except July, in a hybrid format via conference call or video link or in-person at the Gaston County Visitors Center. The Chairman may change meeting times and locations as needed and pursuant to the Open Meetings law notice procedure.

**Section 6:** Remove: Travel & Tourism / Add: Tourism Development

**Section 6 to read as follows:** The Gaston County Board of Commissioners attendance policy shall apply to the Tourism Development Advisory Board and members of the Advisory Board with insufficient attendance records may be replaced. Any member of a Commission appointed board or committee shall be removed from office if, in a calendar year, he/she:

Under Article VI:

**Records:** Remove: Travel & Tourism Administrative Assistant / Add: Tourism Development Business Operations Specialist

**Records to read as follows:**

The Tourism Development Business Operations Specialist shall maintain files of all studies, plans, reports and recommendations made by the Advisory Board in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities. All minutes of the Board are public records. An annual report shall be given to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

Under Article VII:

**Committees:** Remove: T&T / Add: Tourism Development

**Committees to read as follows:**

Said Committees will be established annually at the regular meeting in January. Each Committee Chair will be selected by the Advisory Board Chairman. The Committee Chair will solicit volunteers from the Tourism Development Advisory Board and/or expand outside of the board to solicit experts in a particular field.

**Section 1:** Remove

**Change Section 2 to Section 1**

**Change Section 3 to Section 2**

Under Article X:

**Certification:** Change under signature line to read as follows: Chairman Tourism Development Advisory Board and change to Gaston County Tourism Development above where the Clerk Signs.