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AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 26 of the City Code as it relates to membership requirements for the Convention and Visitors Advisory Board; making gender-neutral grammatical edits; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 26-83. Convention and visitors advisory board—Established; composition; qualifications; terms.

There is hereby established a convention and visitors advisory board. The board shall consist of thirteen (13) ~~twelve (12)~~ members. Five (5) members shall be owners or operators of hotels or motels within the city limits, and one (1) member shall be an owner or operator of a short-term rental located within the city limits. All board members shall have demonstrated by past activities an interest in the convention and tourism business. They shall be appointed and shall serve two-year terms unless sooner removed; provided, however, that the city council may, by initial appointment, stagger the terms of the board members as it may deem appropriate. The chair of the board is authorized to excuse any member from attendance at a board meeting; provided, that the member requested to be excused before the meeting. Any member who is absent, without being excused, from twenty-five (25) per cent of the regular board meetings held in a calendar year shall automatically forfeit the office. Any member who is absent, without being excused, from three (3) consecutive regular meetings shall automatically forfeit the office. It shall be the duty of the chair to promptly notify the council of the vacancy.

Sec. 26-84. Same—Purpose; duties generally.

(a) The board shall be advisors to the city council, city manager and department director on the use of the funds created by the hotel and motel tax herein provided for and on the promotions and activities of the convention and visitors department.

(b) The board's advisory role shall be limited to advising the city council and staff; no administrative direction shall be made to the director or any staff member of the

convention and visitors department. Any board member interfering with the administration of the department shall forfeit ~~his~~ such member's post upon the affirmative vote of the city council.

(c) The board shall annually report to the city council on the:

(1) Annual budget of the convention and visitors department.

(2) Such projects and promotions as the city council or staff shall refer to the board for review.

(3) Such other duties as the city council may assign.

(d) The board shall develop and submit to the city council a proposed plan for use of the tax funds that are designated for tourist attractions and events. As part of the annual budget process, the board shall solicit proposals for the use of these tax funds and, after a public review process, make recommendations to the city council on the use of the funds.

Sec. 26-85. Same—Rules of procedure; officers.

The board shall require a quorum of seven (7) members and the affirmative vote of a majority of members present at a meeting ~~its members~~ to make any recommendation. It shall elect, from its membership, a chair and such other officers as it shall provide.

SECTION 2. The initial appointment for the new member who is an owner or operator of a short term rental shall be for a one-year term, or such part thereof as determined by the City Clerk to maintain staggered terms for members of the board and then thereafter such member shall be appointed to a regular two year term.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: _____

Mayor and Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor