

Resolution amending the membership of the City of La Crosse Room Tax Commission to replace the La Crosse Hotel and Motel Association member.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Room Tax Commission was created by the Common Council in March 13, 1975 with Resolution #35500; and

WHEREAS, said resolution was amended in December, 1983 by Resolution #42220; and

WHEREAS, the resolution was further amended in April, 1991 with Resolution #47191; an

WHEREAS, the current Room Tax Commission legislation requires four resident citizen members, one of which being a member of the La Crosse Hotel and Motel Association; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Hotel and Motel Association no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, rather than further amending the resolutions mentioned above, it would be easier to amend and restate the entire resolution establishing the Room Tax Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the Room Tax Commission Resolution is hereby amended and restated as follows:

A. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION.

The members of the Room Tax Commission shall be selected as follows: Two members of the Common Council of the City of La Crosse shall be appointed by the Mayor and be confirmed by the Council; Four resident citizen members ~~one of which shall be member of the La Crosse Hotel and Motel Association who is not a member of the La Crosse Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Board,~~ shall be appointed by the Mayor who are not members of the Common Council subject to confirmation by the Council; and one non-resident member appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the Council ~~each shall be appointed by the other respective governmental units which join in the ordinances creating a Room Tax and a Room Tax Commission.~~ The terms of all citizen members shall be for a period of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified provided, however, the citizen members provided for in this resolution shall be appointed in May, 1991 whose term shall initially expire on December 31, 1992 and thereafter, be appointed in December of each even numbered year. The two Council members of the Common Council shall be appointed in May of each odd numbered year for term of two years with the initial appointment after passage of this resolution to occur in May, 1991.

B. MEETINGS.

The Commission shall hold a regular annual meeting during the month of September and at such other times and places as the Commission shall fix and such regular meetings shall be open to the public. The Commission shall choose a Chairman, a Secretary and such other officers as it deems appropriate from its membership annually. Special meetings may be held under call of the Chairman of the Commission or if requested in writing by four members of the Commission filed with the City clerk, in which event the City Clerk shall notify all members of the coming meeting. At least twenty-four hours' notice shall be allowed under this procedure. The Secretary of said Commission or the City Clerk, as the case may be, shall give written notice of each meeting to the Mayor and to all members of the Room Tax Commission. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

C. POWERS

The Commission shall oversee the budget of the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitor Bureau, Inc. The Commission shall require for all private organizations, who receive funds hereunder, an annual accounting of the application of all Room Tax funds for use by the Council and any other governmental unit joining in the Room Tax and Room Tax Commission. The Commission may require a financial audit certified by a Certified Public Accountant at the expenses of any private organization, including the La Crosse Area Convention and Visitor Bureau, Inc., receiving Room Tax funds setting forth in such detail and together with such authentication or verified documentation as shall be directed by the Commission. The Commission may also monitor and review compliance with any conditions provided for by the Common Council with respect to the use of Room Tax funds by any private organization. The La Crosse Area Convention and Visitor Bureau, Inc. shall submit to the Commission, by September 1st of each year, in addition to its annual accounting, a separate accounting for the current calendar year through June 30th. The Commission shall make its budget recommendations with respect to the proposed expenditures from the Room Tax to each governmental unit collecting or disbursing funds hereunder. The commission shall also review the annual budgets of any governmental agencies, including the La Crosse Center, which receive room tax monies prior to submission of the same to the Common Council regarding proposed budgets of such departments or agencies. The Commission may also make policy recommendations relative to the City's room tax, including the City's room tax ordinance.