

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2009- 07

ESTABLISHING A LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL 2% LODGING TAX AS AUTHORIZED
UNDER RCW 67.28.181

WHEREAS, Chapter 67.28 RCW provides for the creation of a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and the levying of a 2% lodging tax; and

WHEREAS Kittitas County desires to impose such a lodging tax; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners on March 3, 2009, after due notice; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners took testimony from all who wished to speak at that public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners for Kittitas County did consider the public benefit and did duly deliberate.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED: That the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington, pursuant to RCW 67.28.1817, hereby establishes a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, whose future membership shall be reviewed annually and may be revised by Resolution, but whose initial members shall be Ron Olstad and Darlene Boykiw (both being representative from businesses required to pay the contemplated tax), Judy Tokarsyck and Marshall Madsen (both being members of organizations potentially receiving funding), and Commissioner Paul Jewell who shall serve as chairman; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: The newly established Lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall immediately consider the County's desire, hereby expressed, to levy an additional 2% lodging tax as allowed under RCW 67.28.181, and the Committee shall comment on such proposal to the Board of County Commissioners no later than 45 days after receiving notice of such proposal, which in this case shall also coincide with the date of establishment of the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall submit comments through the generally applicable public comment procedures, including analysis of the extent to which the proposal will accommodate activities for tourists or increase tourism, and the extent to which the proposal will affect the long-term stability of the fund created under RCW 67.28.1815 whenever the Committee is presented with the proposal for a rate increase, exemption repeal, or change in revenue use as provided in RCW 67.28.1817(2); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall be responsible for submitting the annual report on expenditures and impacts required in RCW 67.28.1816(2) and providing such other services as required of the County under Ch. 67.28 RCW.

ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2009.

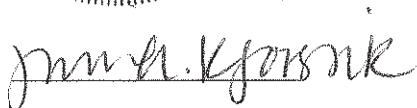
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