

OKALOOSA COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
2017 MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

Pursuant to the criteria enumerated in Section 125.0104(4)(e), Florida Statutes and the Tourist Development Operations & Procedures Manual, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) shall appoint qualified members to serve on the Tourist Development Council (“Council”) of which three members shall be elected officials (one member from the Board and two elected municipal officials). The remaining six members shall be qualified individuals from the community. The following is a recommended selection process for the six non-elected seats:

1. Upon Board approval of the process, notice shall be posted on the County’s website seeking qualified individuals interested in serving on the Council who meet the following criteria:
 - a. Registered voter in Okaloosa County; and
 - b. Has not previously served on the Council for two consecutive terms (8 years); and
 - c. Is either:
 - i. An owner or operator of a motel, hotel, recreational vehicle park, or other tourist accommodation in Okaloosa County and are subject to the tourist development tax; or
 - ii. An individual that is involved in the tourist industry and who has demonstrated an interest in tourist development, but does not own or operate a motel, hotel, recreational vehicle park, or other tourist accommodation in Okaloosa County that is subject to the tourist development tax.
2. Individuals meeting the above requirements that are interested in serving on the Council shall submit a resume and completed application (“Application Package”) to the (Interim) Tourist Development Director no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2017.
3. The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a selection committee to review the Application Packages.
 - a. The selection committee shall be comprised of the Board Liaison to the Council, (Interim) TDD Director, and Council lodging member Melissa Matern.

- b. The selection committee shall be subject to Chapters 119 and 286, Florida Statutes. Selection committee meetings shall be duly noticed, open to the public and minutes of the meeting shall be taken.
- c. The selection committee shall meet and review the Application Packages and recommend appointment of Council members (*see "TDC Membership and Terms" below*).
- d. The selection committee's recommendations will be presented to the Board for final approval.

TDC MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS

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 the County and subject to the tax.

- 1) Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners
 - Appointed as determined by the Board
- 2) Fort Walton Beach Council Member
 - Appointed as determined by the City
- 3) Destin Council Member
 - Appointed as determined by the City
- 4) Lodging Industry Owner/Operator (Term expires Sep 30, 2017)
 - Appointed for a four (4) year term
- 5) Lodging Industry Owner/Operator (Term expires Sep 30, 2017)
 - Appointed for a four (4) year term
- 6) Lodging Industry Owner/Operator
 - Appointed for a four (4) year term
- 7) Lodging Industry Owner/Operator
 - Appointed for a four (4) year term
- 8) Tourism Related Industry (Term expires Sep 30, 2017)
 - Appointed for a four (4) year term
- 9) Tourism Related Industry
 - Appointed for a four (4) year term