ORDINANCE NO. 0-C-25-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE PERRY COUNTY CONVENTION, RECREATION AND VISITOR PROMOTION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Perry County Council has levied a Uniform County Innkeeper's Tax in Perry County ("County") pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-9-18-3 and Perry County Code of Ordinances § 37.030 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 6-9-18-5 provides that the County Executive shall create a commission to promote the development and growth of the convention, visitor, and tourism industry in the County where a Uniform County Innkeeper's Tax is levied by the County Council pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-9-18-3; and

WHEREAS, the County established such a commission via Resolution R-C-95-14, which established the Perry County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Promotion Commission ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Perry County ("Commissioners") have determined the establishment of such a commission is in the best interest of the County and its citizens and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners now find cause to amend the composition of the Commission to better serve the needs of County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners now seek to amend Resolution R-C-95-14 and otherwise ordain the composition of Commission in this Ordinance Amending the Composition of the Perry County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Promotion Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS

1. Commission Members:

- a. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members.
- b. At least four (4) members must be engaged in or promoting conventions, visitors, or tourism.
- c. No more than one (1) member may be affiliated with the same business entity.
- d. All members must reside in the county, except members who are owners or executives of tourism-related businesses with the county, who may reside elsewhere in Indiana.
- e. If available and willing to serve, at least two (2) of the members must be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing rooms, lodging, or accommodations, as described in Indiana Code § 6-9-18-3.

2. Appointment of Commission Members:

- a. Commissioners shall appoint four (4) members, two (2) of which must be engaged in or promoting conventions, visitors, or tourism.
- b. The Mayor of Tell City ("City") shall appoint three (3) members, two (2) of which must be engaged in or promoting conventions, visitors, or tourism.
- c. In making their appointments, Commissioners and City shall investigate the current composition of Commission and ensure their appointments comply with the whole of Section 1.

3. Terms of Commission Members:

- a. All terms shall be effective January 1.
- b. All terms shall be for a period of two (2) years, except initial staggered term that would allow City and Commissioners to make half of their appointments every year.
- c. Except as provided in Paragraph 4, City shall make one appointment in odds years and two appointments in even years.
- d. Except as provided in Paragraph 4, Commissioners shall make 2 appointments every year.

4. Transition from Current Composition:

- a. Appointments made to the board in 2025 and 2026 shall follow the adjusted guidelines outlined below to achieve the new composition:
 - i. For City:
 - 1. In 2025, the City shall appoint 1 member to replace the 2 whose terms are expiring.
 - 2. In 2026, the City shall appoint 2 members to replace the 3 whose terms are expiring.

ii. For Commissioners:

- 1. In 2025, the Commissioners shall appoint 2 members to replace the 3 whose terms are expiring.
- 2. In 2026, the Commissioners shall appoint 2 members to replace the 3 whose terms are expiring.
- 5. **Removal**: A member of the Commission may be removed for cause by the member's appointing authority.
- 6. **Powers of Commission**: The Commission's powers are limited to those given in Indiana Code § 6-9-18-6.
- 7. Oath of Commission Members: Each Commission member, before commencing the member's duties, shall take an oath of office in the usual form, to be endorsed upon the member's certificate of appointment and promptly filed with the Clerk of the Perry Circuit Court.

- 8. Organization: The commission shall meet after January 1 each year for the purpose of organization. It shall elect one (1) of its members president, another vice president, another secretary, and another treasurer. The members elected to those offices shall perform the duties pertaining to the offices. The first officers chosen shall serve from the date of their election until their successors are elected and qualified.
- 9. Quorum and Majority Required: A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of the commission is necessary to authorize any action.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF PERRY, INDIANA

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ATTEST:

Kris Hammack, Perry County Auditor