

RESOLUTION NO. 509

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING MEMBERS THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor currently levies a lodging tax pursuant to Chapter 67.28 RCW; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has passed SSB 5867, enacted as Chapter 452, Laws of 1997, which modifies or repeals some previous lodging tax authority but also adds new lodging tax authority; and

WHEREAS, SSB 5867 requires that, in cities with a population over 5,000, any new imposition of a lodging tax enacted under Chapter 67.28 RCW be first submitted for consideration to a lodging tax advisory committee not less than 45 days in advance of final action on the lodging tax by the City; and

WHEREAS, SSB 5867 was effective on July 27, 1997; and

WHEREAS, SSB 5867 replaces the current lodging tax authority with a new statutory scheme; and

WHEREAS, to insure continued authorization for the imposition of the lodging tax it is deemed to be in the best interest of the city that a lodging tax advisory committee be created and that a proposal be submitted to this committee regarding continuation of the lodging tax;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created a City of Gig Harbor Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, to serve the functions prescribed in SSB 5867, which was enacted as Chapter 452, Laws of 1997.

Section 2. The membership of the lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall consist of nine members, appointed by the City Council. One member shall be an elected official of the City who shall serve as chair, four members shall be representatives of businesses required to collect the tax, and four members shall be persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received from the tax. The City Council will review the membership on an annual basis and make changes as appropriate. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by the City Council.

Section 3. The following persons are initially appointed to serve as members of the City of Gig Harbor Lodging Tax Advisory Committee:

Membership Category

Appointee

Elected Official of City Gretchen Wilbert

Representative of businesses required to collect the tax: Wade Perrow

Sue Braaten

Cathy Franklin

Mary Jackson

Persons involved in activities authorized to be funded: Donna Lormor

Chris Erlich

Shirley Tomasi

Marie Sullivan

Section 3. The City Council shall submit to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, for its review and comment, proposals on: (1) the imposition of a tax under SSB 5867; (2) any increase in the rate of such a tax; (3) repeal of an exemption from such a tax; or (4) a change in the use of the revenue received from such a tax. The City Council shall submit such a proposal to the Committee at least 45 days before taking final action on any such proposal. Comments by the Committee should include an 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-range stability of the special fund created for the lodging tax revenues.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

RESOLVED this 13th day of January, 1998.

APPROVED:

GRETCHEN A. WILBERT, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

MOLLY M. TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

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