

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE CHAPTER 1,
ARTICLE 40 "TOURISM COMMISSION".

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Independence, Missouri desires to amend the City Code to provide for the Commission to meet quarterly instead of every other month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Article 40 of Chapter 1 Code of City of Independence, Missouri, is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 40. TOURISM COMMISSION

Sec. 1.40.001. Tourism Commission.

- A. There is established and hereby created a Tourism Commission, which shall consist of nine members, designated by the Council, being individuals who live or work in Independence or are on a commission or volunteer at an Independence historic site, who shall serve without compensation, consisting of one individual recommended by the Chamber of Commerce, one by the Independence Square Merchants Association, one by the Independence Economic Development Council, one by the Truman Library, one by the Attractions Coalition, one by the Hotel & Lodging Alliance, one by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Visitors' Center, and two interested individuals as At-Large members, all to be appointed by the City Council. The Commission will elect its Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary to no more than three one-year terms, using a nominating committee consisting of members of the Tourism Commission. Each of the nine appointments must be approved by an affirmative vote of four Councilmembers and such Council approval shall constitute an appointment to the Commission. All nine members shall be full-working members of the Commission with all of the privileges and obligations attached thereto. Each appointment shall be for a term of three years beginning January 1. There will be no term limits for the Commission members.
- B. Due to the nature of this Commission none of the members of the Tourism Commission will be restricted from serving on another Council appointed board or commission.
- C. Any vacancy shall be filled through the same procedure that was followed for making the initial appointment for the period of the unexpired term. If, within a period of 30 days of notice from the City Clerk of a vacancy, any of the organizations authorized to make recommendations for membership shall fail to make a recommendation, such vacancy may be filled by the Council without further recommendation from said organization.
- D. The Tourism Commission shall meet at least ~~every other month~~ quarterly.
- E. The Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism shall also serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. Non-voting members of the Tourism Commission may consist of one representative designated by related tourism sites/organizations recommendation by the Tourism Commission.

Sec. 1.40.002. Quorum.

The quorum for the Tourism Commission will be over one-half of the full membership.

Sec. 1.40.003. Purpose.

The Tourism Commission shall act as an advisory and advocacy body to the City Council on matters pertaining to promotion of tourism in the City of Independence and shall, where advisable, cooperate with federal, state, and other municipal agencies and offices and nongovernmental organizations for the purpose of effectuating its general goals.

Sec. 1.40.004. Responsibilities of Commission.

The responsibilities of the Tourism Commission established by this article shall be as follows:

1. To serve as an advocate for the tourism industry in Independence by:
 - a. Educating residents and businesses of the economic, cultural and historic value of tourism in Independence.
 - b. Promoting cooperation and communication amongst tourism sites.
 - c. Addressing issues that affect tourism.
2. To advise and recommend policies, procedures and programs that benefit tourism in Independence by:
 - a. Helping to develop and support the Tourism Division objectives.
 - b. Providing regular feedback to the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department.

Sec. 1.40.005. Expenditure of funds—City Manager as contracting officer.

In the event that private funds are made available to the Tourism Advisory Commission, the City Manager is authorized, upon recommendation of the Commission and approval of the City Council, to enter into such contract or contracts with private individuals, associations, or groups designed to promote the purposes of said Commission by furnishing funds for said purposes. The City Manager is hereby designated *as the contracting* officer for said Commission.

Sec. 1.40.006. Budgetary provisions.

In the event that any funds of the City of Independence, Missouri, are to be expended by said Tourism Commission, said funds shall be expended only after Council approval as a part of the budgeting process and after compliance with applicable rules, regulations, and ordinances of the City of Independence, Missouri.

Budgeted funds of less than \$1,500.00 may be spent upon authorization of the City Manager while expenditures of \$1,500.00, or more, require specific Council approval.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That all other parts and provisions of the Independence City Code shall be in full force and effect unless previously or subsequently amended or repealed.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City
Council
of the City of Independence,
Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager

**NOTE: Words struck through and bolded are being removed by this ordinance and words
underscored and bolded are being added by this ordinance.**

