

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04-038

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.80 TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER
TO THE TOURISM COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Bellingham Municipal Code Chapter 2.80 provides for the establishment of the Tourism Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 67.28.1817, a subcommittee of the Tourism Commission has served as the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 67.28.1817, the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee must be comprised of only collectors of lodging tax and potential recipients of lodging tax; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham Municipal Code Section 2.80.020 currently provides for a 12-member Tourism Commission from which the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is selected;

WHEREAS, in order to provide for a rotation of the three collectors and three potential recipients that serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee an additional collector needs to be added to the Tourism Commission; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the current representation of the Tourism Commission and to add a collector position, the number of Tourism Commission members needs to be increased to 13;

NOW THEREFORE, The CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Bellingham Municipal Code Section 2.80.020 is amended as follows:

2.80.020 - Membership Of Commission And Of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

A. The Commission shall consist of no more than 1213 members to be appointed by the Mayor. Membership shall be representative of agencies directly involved in tourism and visitor and convention promotion and may include, but not be limited to, the following: The Bellingham/Whatcom County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Bellingham/Whatcom County Chamber of Commerce, Western Washington University, Bellingham/Whatcom County hotel and motel owners, Bellingham/Whatcom County restaurant owners, Port of Bellingham, the Bellingham City Council. In addition, representatives of the following City departments/divisions, or their mayorally-approved designees, shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission: the City of Bellingham Public Works Department, the City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department, the City of Bellingham Planning and Community Development Department, Whatcom Museum of History and Art. Notwithstanding the other requirements of Bellingham Municipal Code 3.08.010, the Mayor may appoint up to fifty percent (50%) of the Tourism Commission's members from non-residents of the City of Bellingham; PROVIDED, that all members of the Tourism Commission shall be residents of Whatcom County.

B. The Mayor shall appoint a subcommittee of the Commission whose members shall serve as the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee as described by RCW 67.28.1817. The subcommittee shall consist of at least five members, and shall include:

1. At least two members who are representative of businesses required to collect the lodging tax;
2. At least two members who are persons involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue from the lodging tax; and
3. An elected official of the City who shall serve as chair of the Committee.

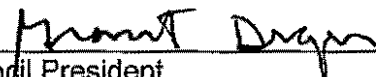
Persons who are eligible for appointment under (1) of this subsection are not eligible for appointment under (2) of this subsection. Persons who are eligible for appointment under (2) of this subsection are not eligible for appointment under (1) of this subsection. The number of members who are representatives of business required to collect lodging tax shall equal the number of members who are involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received from the tax.

C. Organizations required to collect the lodging tax, organizations involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received from the lodging tax, and local agencies involved in tourism may submit recommendations for membership on the Commission and the subcommittee.

(Ord. 2003-09-061; Ord. 2002-12-103; Ord. 2001-12-104; Ord. 9432 §2, 1985.)

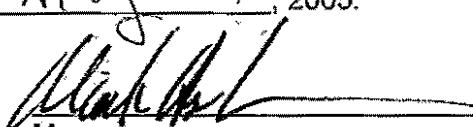
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

PASSED by the Council this 25TH day of APRIL, 2005.



Council President

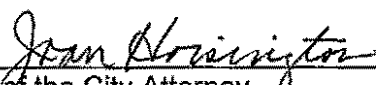
APPROVED by me this 25th day of May, 2005.



Mayor

ATTEST: 

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Office of the City Attorney

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