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Tourist Development Council Vacancies

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in being considered for appointment to fill a vacancy on the **Tourist Development Council**. All individuals serve without compensation and are requested to submit an Application for Appointment to Martin County Administration **by Friday, March 22**, 2019. For an Application, please call Martin County Administration 288-5756 or send email to <u>dgordon@martin.fl.us</u>.

Vacant Positions – a citizen who is an owner or operator of a motel, hotel, recreational vehicle park, or other tourist accommodation that is subject to the tourist development tax **AND** a citizen involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, but who are not owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in the County that are subject to the tourist development tax. **All members must be registered Martin County voters.** Terms may be renewed at the decision of the County Commission.

Members of the Council shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance - failure to attend three consecutive meetings and failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall be the same as a failure to attend a meeting.

POWERS & DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL:

Conduct public hearings to receive information from the public with respect to the effectiveness of the existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations and businesses and the need for additional or different tourist development efforts. Recommend a method of coordination of existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations and businesses and of new or additional tourist development efforts to obtain maximum economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the tourist development efforts in and for Martin County. Create, prepare, and submit to the Board of County Commission a Tourist Development Plan in the manner meeting the requirements of F.S. 125.0104 and, from time to time thereafter, make recommendations to the Board of County Commission for changes to the Tourist Development Plan.

Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

Meetings are held every other month at 3:00 pm in the Commission Chambers. The next few meetings are scheduled for: April 30, May 29, July 31, September 11, and November 6.

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