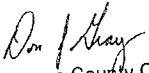


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RESOLUTION 33-1

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2023, the Tourism Preservation and Sustainability District Act, 70 ILCS 3455/1 – 3455/99 (the Act), became effective; and

WHEREAS, generally, the Act allows certain governmental bodies, including Sangamon County, to create tourism preservation and sustainability districts (with initial terms not to exceed 5 years) for the purpose of enhancing tourism through the districts providing services and improvements reasonably related to the enhancement of tourism; and

WHEREAS, effective July 28, 2023, the Act was amended by the addition of a Section 31, which provides:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a petition, resolution of intent, district plan, and ordinance to create a tourism preservation and sustainability district may include an initial term of up to 20 years if the ordinance is adopted on or after July 1, 2023 and on or before December 31, 2023 by the Sangamon County Board for improvement to the Bank of Springfield Center; and

WHEREAS, with the intent of seeking the formation of the district allowed by Section 31 of the Act, on November 9, 2023, a Petition to the County of Sangamon, Illinois to Establish the Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District meeting the requirements of the Act was filed with the Sangamon County Clerk by entities satisfying the Act’s requirements for business owners authorized to do so, i.e., those: (a) owning lodging establishments located in the proposed district; and (b) certifying that they believe they will, collectively, pay more than 50% of the transaction charges proposed to be levied by the district based upon historical payment criteria set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, within 60 days of the filing of the Petition, Sangamon County may adopt a resolution expressing the intention to create the district requested by the business owners, and, if it does so, Sangamon County must hold a public hearing to reach a final determination on the Petition prior to December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Sangamon County has confidence in the Petitioner’s judgment that creating the proposed district and improving the Bank of Springfield Center will result in the enhancement of tourism to the benefit of all Sangamon County businesses and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangamon County Board on this 14th day of November, 2023, that: (a) it intends this resolution to be its “resolution of intent” authorized by Section 10(b) of the Act; (b) it intends to create the district proposed in the Petition to the County of Sangamon, Illinois to Establish the Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District filed with the County

Clerk on November 9, 2023; and (c) it provides the following information pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Act:

- (1) The district’s name shall be the Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District;
- (2) The district’s boundaries are coextensive with the boundaries of Sangamon County;
- (3) The maximum rate of the transaction charge for hotels within the boundaries of the district is zero percent, the initial rate is zero percent, and changes to the rate to be charged shall be set by Sangamon County only upon the petition of business owners;
- (4) The length of the proposed term of the district is twenty years;
- (5) The improvements to be provided by the local tourism and convention bureau are exclusively improvements to the Bank of Springfield Center located in Springfield, Illinois;
- (6) The Board of Directors of the to-be-formed not-for-profit will consist of seven (7) seats for lodging business owners, four of which will be lodging business owners appointed by the Springfield Hotel Lodging Association; and
- (7) The public hearing on the formation of the proposed district will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 19, 2023, at 300 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701; and
- (8) Any hotel proposed to be subject to a transaction charge has the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing regarding the district formation and an opportunity to file objections to the district formation with the clerk at any time prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Approved by the _____Finance_____Committee _____November 14____, 2023_____

_____, Chairman

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk