

RESOLUTION NO. 42-1

A RESOLUTION FORMING THE SANGAMON COUNTY
CONVENTION CENTER TOURISM DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has enacted the Tourism Preservation and Sustainability District Act (70 ILCS 3455/1 et seq.) (the "Act") permitting governmental units, including Sangamon County (the "County"), to create tourism preservation and sustainability districts for the purpose of enhancing tourism in such districts; and

WHEREAS, with the intent of seeking the formation of the Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District (the "District"), a petition to establish the District meeting the requirements of the Act (the "Petition") was filed on November 9, 2023 with the Sangamon County Clerk (the "County Clerk") by business owners (a) owning lodging establishments located in the proposed District (the "Business Owners"), and (b) certifying that the Business Owners believe that collectively they will pay more than 50% of the transaction charges proposed to be levied by the proposed District, as determined by the last 12 months of State hotel operators' occupation taxes paid preceding the date of the Petition; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 33-1 on November 14, 2023, comprising a resolution of intent as authorized by Section 10(b) of the Act, within 60 days of the date of the filing of the Petition as required by the Act, in which the County Board resolved that it intends to create the District as proposed in the Petition, recited the information as required in Section 10(b) of the Act, and set a public hearing on the matter for December 19, 2023, to be held at 300 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 at 6:00 p.m. (the "Public Hearing"); and


WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of the Public Hearing (and including a copy of Resolution No. 33-1 of the County Board) was duly given at least 30 days prior to the date of the Public Hearing by the County to each governmental unit within the proposed District and to each Business Owner that may be subjected to a transaction charge, based on the County's most recent records; and

WHEREAS, the District Plan of the Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A (the "District Plan"), was prepared and submitted to the County Board in accordance with Section 15 of the Act prior to the Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, at the Public Hearing, the County Board considered public testimony regarding the proposed District; any Business Owner that may be subjected to a transaction charge had an opportunity to submit a written objection to the proposed District to the County Clerk at any time before voting began on this resolution (the "Formation Resolution"); and the County Clerk has determined that written objections have not been received by him from hotels [Business Owners] that would pay 50% or more of the proposed transaction charges in the proposed District, as determined by the last 12 months of State hotel operators' occupation taxes paid preceding the date of the Petition;

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Sangamon County Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Sangamon County Board this 19th day of December, 2023, as follows:

SECTION 1. The District as proposed in the Petition and the Resolution of Intent and as outlined in the District Plan is hereby created pursuant to the Act.

SECTION 2. The County Board intends that this Resolution be deemed Sangamon County's "Formation Ordinance" under Section 30 of the Act.

SECTION 3. In compliance with Section 30 of the Act, the following information is provided:

(a) The County Clerk has determined and reported to this County Board that the total amount of written objections received from hotels that will be subjected to a transaction charge did not represent hotels that would pay 50% or more of the proposed transaction charges, as determined by the last 12 months of State hotel operators' occupation taxes paid preceding November 9, 2023, the date of the Petition.

(b) The name of the District shall be the Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District.

(c) The District is established as of the effective date of this resolution.

(d) The District shall be governed in accordance with the District Plan on file with the County Clerk, which District Plan has been and continues to be available for inspection at the office of the County Clerk.

(e) The effective date of the transaction charge is January 1, 2024.

(f) The initial term of the District shall be twenty (20) years as authorized under Section 31 of the Act.

(g) The boundaries of the District are co-terminus with the boundaries of the County.

(h) The Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau is the local tourism and convention bureau within the meaning of the Act (the "SCVB") and the County Treasurer, on behalf of the County, is hereby authorized to remit, and shall remit, collected transaction charges to the SCVB as set forth in the District Plan in exchange for the SCVB providing for improvements for the BOS Center.

(i) The County will retain, and the County Treasurer, on behalf of the County, is hereby authorized to retain, one percent (1%) of the total amount of transaction charges collected by the County Treasurer to defray (in whole or in part) the County's administrative costs related to the District.

SECTION 4. As required by Section 50 of the Act, at all times the County shall maintain the collected transaction charges in a separate fund designated, the "Sangamon County Convention Center Tourism District Fund", and the collected transaction charges shall not be commingled with other funds of the County.

SECTION 5. As required by Section 40 of the Act, the County Board shall submit to the State Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, no later than 60 days after the anniversary of the date upon which the transaction charge is first imposed, the annual report provided by the SCVB and the County's report of the amount of the total revenues received from the transaction charges and how much the County, if any, withheld for administrative costs related to the District under the District Plan.

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Appendix A

The District Plan