Ordinance No. _____

An Ordinance Creating New Chapter 2.48, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Whereas ______________;  

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Anacortes does ordain as follows:

Section 1. AMC Chapter 2.48 is created to read as shown in Attachment A.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance supersede any conflicting provisions in Resolution 1973, adopting the City of Anacortes 2016-2021 Tourism Promotion Strategic Plan.

Section 3. Consistent with RCW 35A.12.130, this ordinance takes effect five days after passage and publication.

PASSED and APPROVED this ___ day of ______________, 2022.

CITY OF ANACORTES:

__________________________________________
Matt Miller, Mayor

Attest:

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Steve Hoglund, City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to Form:

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Darcy Swetnam, City Attorney
Attachment A

Chapter 2.48 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

2.48.010 Established.

Consistent with RCW 67.28.1817, a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (“LTAC”) is established to provide recommendations on the funds collected per AMC Chapter 3.15 (“lodging tax funds”).

2.48.020 Membership.

A. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. A City Council member who, per RCW 67.28.1817(1), must serve as chair of LTAC;
2. Two representatives of businesses required to collect the tax under RCW Chapter 67.28;
3. Two representatives of non-profit organizations that engage in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received under RCW Chapter 67.28;
4. Two residents of Anacortes who do not qualify for the other categories in this list, with a preference for at least one representative of a business with a physical presence in Anacortes that benefits from tourism.

B. To qualify as a representative of an entity described in subsection (A), an applicant for LTAC membership must submit a letter from the entity authorizing that representation.

Note paragraph (3) is a more limiting provision than the statute, which does not define a limit on what qualifies as a person involved in activities authorized to be funded by lodging tax.
C. A person who is eligible for appointment under paragraph (A)(2) is not eligible for appointment under paragraph (A)(3), and vice versa. A person who is eligible for appointment under paragraph (A)(2) or (A)(3) is not eligible for appointment under paragraph (A)(4).

### 32.48.030 Appointment.

Per RCW 67.28.1817(1), the City Council is the appointing authority for LTAC members and the City Council must review LTAC membership annually and make changes as appropriate.

A. Each year, the City Council must appoint LTAC membership for the remainder of the calendar year by resolution.

B. Appointments last for the remainder of the calendar year and automatically terminate at the end of the year.

### 42.48.040 Duties and Authority.

A. LTAC has the authority to make recommendations to the City Council on lodging tax matters per RCW 67.28.1817(2) and on other subjects as the City Council may request.

B. LTAC does not have authority to set City policy or authorize expenditures.

C. LTAC members must comply with the Open Government Trainings Act, RCW 42.30.205.

D. LTAC meetings must comply with the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW Chapter 42.56.

E. An LTAC member must avoid a conflict of interest, and may not cast a vote on, nor participate in debate about, an allocation to an entity that LTAC member represents or has any pecuniary interest in.

### 52.48.050 Applications and Recommendations on Use of Lodging Tax Funds.

We considered restricting application to non-profit organizations, so as to prevent gifts of public funds to for-profit entities, but find it may be too restrictive. We considered restricting applications to local entities, but we regularly award funding to the Skagit Tulip Festival and the NW Marine Trades Association, neither of which has a primary physical presence in Anacortes.

A. Any individual or organization, including local government entities including the City of Anacortes itself, may make application to LTAC for use of lodging tax funds.
RCW 67.28.1816(2) requires applicants to estimate how much and what kinds of tourism their proposed activity will attract.

B. An application for use of lodging tax funds must contain all of the following:
   1. a fixed amount of lodging tax funds requested;
   2. a budget for the proposed activity to be funded;
   3. the estimates required by RCW 67.28.1816(2).

C. LTAC must consider the applications for proposed use of lodging tax funds and make recommendation on applicants and recommended amounts to the City Council. A quorum of 50% plus 1 of the LTAC membership must be present at a meeting to make a recommendation.

D. For each proposal, LTAC’s recommendation must include all of the following:

   1. an analysis of the extent to which the proposal will accommodate activities for tourists or increase tourism in Anacortes;
   2. the extent to which the recommended funding amount will affect the long-term stability of the lodging tax fund;
   3. a calculation of the ratio of the recommended funding amount to the number of tourists that are estimated to be attracted to Anacortes;

   4. evaluation of the consistency of the application with the statutory requirements;
   5. history of the applicant’s past compliance with requirements to report on the actual tourism generated.

62.48.060 Use of Lodging Tax Funds.

A. Lodging tax funds may only be authorized for the uses described in RCW 67.28.1816(1).

B. Any use of lodging tax funds must be authorized by the City Council by resolution, ordinance, or authorization of a contract.

C. Per RCW 67.28.1817(2), a proposed use of lodging tax funds must be submitted to LTAC for review and comment at least 45 days before the City may authorize the use of funds.
D. If the City Council desires to authorize an allocation different from the amount recommended by LTAC, it may do so after providing LTAC up to 45 days to comment on the revised allocation.

E. The City Council may not authorize an allocation to an entity that was not recommended for funding by LTAC.
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360 Calendar

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Registration opens this month for the spring term at Anacortes College, with several classes opening at 10:11 a.m. Monday, March 21, at anacortescollege.org. The registration time is from 10 a.m. to noon the same day at the Senior Activity Center.

Events
• The next Skagit River Stewards Change and National Rivers Day is set for Thursday, March 24. The event is being presented by Bob Hallahan. He will talk about how climate change is affecting our national security and what can be done about it and population migration. He will also discuss his Congressman’s position on climate change. The event is held at the Skagit Beaches. Get a Zoom link at skagitbeaches.org or visit the Friends of Skagit Beaches Facebook page.

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• The library book club will perform at 5 p.m. at the Eagles, 901 Seventh St. Saturday, March 26.

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Recreation
• Parks and Recreation hosts a variety of events for children and adults. Visit cityofanacortes.org for more.

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