

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF DORCHESTER )

ORDINANCE NUMBER 97- 10

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE DORCHESTER COUNTY ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1. In accordance with Chapter 4, Title 6, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, relating to the allocation of Accommodations Tax revenues, there is hereby created the Dorchester County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. This Committee shall be composed of seven residents of the County who shall be appointed by a majority of County Council with each member of Council nominating one individual. The terms of the members shall be for four (4) years or until their successors are appointed. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation, and any member may be removed by a majority of Council for cause or for failure to attend at least 50% of the Committee meetings in a twelve (12) month period.

2. Qualifications for Appointment to Committee. Four of the seven members must be selected from the hospitality industry in Dorchester County. At least two (2) of the hospitality industry members must be from the lodging industry in Dorchester County. One member shall represent the cultural organizations of the County. Membership of the Committee must be representative of all areas of the County with a majority of the membership coming from no one area.

3. Officers. The officers of the Committee shall be as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and such other

officers as the Committee deems necessary. The officers shall be elected by a majority of the Committee as they are needed.

4. Duties. The sole function of the Advisory Committee is to advise Dorchester County Council on the expenditure of the monies received by the Dorchester County Government from the State of South Carolina through the Accommodations Tax. The Advisory Committee is directed to deliver to Dorchester County Council a report of estimated and/or actual revenue to be derived by Dorchester County Government from the Accommodations Tax together with specific recommendations for the appropriate expenditure of these monies. This written report should be provided to County Council by September 1 of each year to cover estimated and/or actual revenues and proposed expenditures for the prior fiscal year monies. This report shall be in accordance with Chapter 4, Title 6, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, relating to the allocation of Accommodations Tax revenues. All expenditures under this program shall be approved by County Council.

5. Staff Liaison. The Finance and Budget Director for Dorchester County Government will act as liaison between County Council and the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

6. Validity. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance

as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

ADOPTED this 31<sup>ST</sup> day of March, 1997.

  
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William R. (Bill) Hearn, Jr.  
Chairman, Dorchester County Council

ATTEST:

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Myrtle Killion, Clerk to Council

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_