

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

11-0087R

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TOURISM TAX TASK FORCE.

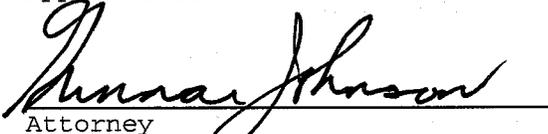
BY COUNCILORS ANDERSON AND HARTMAN:

RESOLVED, that the city council shall establish a tourism tax task force for the purpose of identifying and defining the current status of tourism tax dollar allocation for Duluth. The task force shall examine industry standards in regard to tourism tax collections and uses; review current state statutes, city ordinances, and allocation policies and procedures, and recommend annual allocation of tourism tax dollars.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall consist of nine members, with up to three of the members being city councilors, a minimum of three members of the tourism, restaurant or hospitality industry in Duluth, and a minimum of one citizen member with no professional connection to the tourism, restaurant, or hospitality industry. All nine members shall be appointed by the Duluth city council president.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall produce a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Duluth city council no later than 60 days after the task force members are appointed. The report shall be delivered to the council by way of the clerk. The members shall serve without compensation. Reasonable expenses, approved by the Duluth city council president and finance director, within the existing budget, shall be paid.

Approved as to form:


Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: For years tourism tax dollar allocations have been a point of controversy for the city of Duluth, Visit Duluth, and other entities. The statutes, contracts, allocation policies, etc. have not been reviewed by the council or other industry professionals in many years. This task force will allow the city council to receive information from city administration, Visit Duluth, industry professionals and others involved in tourism tax dollar allocation.