

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL
FOR THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
TO REPEAL, AMEND AND REENACT
CHAPTER 26. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
ARTICLE II. TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, §15.2-2200 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, established that the governing body of any town may enact and enforce ordinances for the general purpose of promoting the public health, safety, convenience and welfare of its general public; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Abingdon's current Code, Chapter 54, Parks and Recreation, Article II. – Advisory Commission, the Council for the Town of Abingdon has found it in the best interest of its Commission to repeal, amend and reenact the body of its ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the council of the Town of Abingdon that:

1. Should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia; and

2. The Town of Abingdon's Code – Chapter 26. Community Development, Article II. – Tourism Advisory Committee that is proposed for repeal, amendment, and reenactment, currently appears as follows:

§ 26-26 Creation; composition; appointment; compensation.

[Ord. of11-4-1991; Ord. of3-7-2011]

There shall be a tourism advisory committee in the Town, which shall be composed of up to 15 members appointed by the Council who shall serve without compensation.

§ 26-27 Terms; vacancies.

[Ord. of11-4-1991]

The terms of office of the members of the tourism advisory committee shall be for three years or until their successors are appointed and qualified; the term of three members shall expire annually thereafter. Vacancies in such committee occurring otherwise than by expiration of the term shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term.

§ 26-28 Organization.

[Ord. of11-4-1991]

Immediately after their appointment, the members of the tourism advisory committee shall meet and organize by electing one of their members chairman and such other officers as may be necessary.

§ 26-29 Duties and responsibilities generally.

[Ord. of11-4-1991]

The duties and responsibilities of the tourism advisory committee shall be to:

- (a) Encourage and support the goals and objectives of the Town.
- (b) Provide an official channel of input on tourism issues from attractions and businesses to the office of

tourism, Town management and the Town Council.

- (c) Provide resources and support to the director of tourism by sharing information and experiences on tourism issues.
- (d) Cultivate cooperative efforts in advertising, publicity, research and other aspects of the promotion of tourism.
- (e) Coordinate tourism development with other agencies in order to avoid duplication of efforts.

§ 26-30 Financial duties and responsibilities.

[Ord. of 11-4-1991]

- (a) The tourism advisory committee shall have no authority to enter into any contract or incur any obligation binding the Town.
- (b) The committee shall assist the director of tourism in development and preparation of an annual budget for the division to be submitted to the Town Manager and subsequently to the Town Council, at the time designated by the Town Manager.

§ 26-31 Planning duties and responsibilities.

[Ord. of 11-4-1991]

The tourism advisory committee shall investigate and determine the needs and interests of the community for tourism facilities and programs and recommend a tourism program to meet those needs.

§ 26-32 through § 26-40. (Reserved)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that upon the recommendation of the Council for the Town of Abingdon, Chapter 26. Community Development, Article II. – Tourism Advisory Committee be repealed, amended and reenacted as follows:

Article II

Tourism Advisory Committee

§ 26-26 Creation; composition; appointment; compensation.

There shall be a Tourism Advisory Committee in the Town, composed of up to nine (9) members appointed by the Council, who shall serve without compensation.

§ 26-27 Terms; vacancies.

The terms of office for the members of the Tourism Advisory Committee shall be for three years or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The term of three members shall expire annually thereafter. Vacancies on such committee occurring other than by expiration of the term shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term.

§ 26-28 Organization.

Immediately after their appointment, the members of the Tourism Advisory Committee shall meet and organize by electing one of their members Chairman, and such other officers as may be necessary.

§ 26-29 Duties and responsibilities generally.

The duties and responsibilities of the Tourism Advisory Committee shall be to:

- (a) Encourage and support the goals and objectives of the Town.
- (b) Provide an official channel of input on tourism issues from attractions and businesses to the Tourism Department, and Town management.
- (c) Provide resources and support to the Tourism Department by sharing information and experiences on tourism issues.
- (d) Cultivate cooperative efforts in advertising, publicity, research and other aspects of the promotion of tourism.
- (e) Coordinate tourism development with other agencies to avoid duplication of efforts.

§ 26-30 Financial duties and responsibilities.

- (a) The Tourism Advisory Committee shall have no authority to enter into any contract or incur any obligation binding the Town.
- (b) The committee shall assist the Tourism Department in the development and preparation of an annual budget for the division to be submitted to the Town Manager, which will be submitted to the Town Council for adoption.

§ 26-31 Planning duties and responsibilities.

The Tourism Advisory Committee shall investigate and determine the needs and interests of the community for tourism facilities and programs and recommend a tourism program to meet those needs.

§ 26-32 through § 26-40. (Reserved)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that said foregoing amendment to Chapter 26. Community Development, Article II – Tourism Advisory Committee of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, becomes effective on July 8, 2024.

CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Section 2-100 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, I hereby certify that I have reviewed the foregoing proposed ordinance to amend, and find it to be in correct form, as set forth above, this _____ day of July 2024.

Cameron Bell, Counsel

This ordinance was adopted on the _____ day of July 2024, to take effect on _____.


Amanda Pillion, Mayor

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the “Town”), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on July 8, 2024. I hereby certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of meeting

was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Amanda Pillion, Mayor	YES	Aye
Dwyane Anderson, Vice Mayor	YES	Aye
Derek Webb	NO	—
Donna Quetsch	YES	Aye
Wayne Austin	YES	Aye

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of the ___ day of July 2024.

(SEAL)


Kimberly Kingsley, Clerk