



Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau

September 8, 2025

Mayor and Members of the Bay St. Louis City Council
688 US-90
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Re: Formal Notice of Abeyance - Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau

Dear Mayor and Members of the Bay St. Louis City Council,

Please accept this letter as formal notice that the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau will enter abeyance effective at the close of business on September 30, 2025.

At the board meeting on August 19, 2025, the Hancock County Tourism Board of Directors passed a resolution to cease operations effective at the end of September. This action was subsequently presented to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, who at their meeting on September 2, 2025, formally voted to move forward with placing the Bureau into abeyance.

As established in legislation, appointments to the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau have been structured so that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors shall appoint four (4) members to the Bureau; the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bay St. Louis, respectively, each shall appoint one (1) member to the Bureau; the Mayor and the Board of Alderman of the City of Waveland, respectively, each shall appoint one (1) member to the Bureau; and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce shall appoint one (1) member to the Bureau.

We extend our sincere gratitude for the appointments your entity has made throughout the years. The individuals you selected have provided invaluable leadership and representation, helping guide the work of Hancock County Tourism in serving our community.

If at any point in the future the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau comes out of abeyance and resumes operations, each appointing entity will again be asked to designate representatives to serve on the Board.

We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to Hancock County and for your longstanding support of our mission to promote and share the unique story of our community.

Respectfully,

McKenzie Northington

Executive Director
Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau