



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Common Council

Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

Item Title: Recommend to Council Changes to the Tourism Committee Ordinance

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Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The Tourism Commission at its May 5th meeting had motioned to recommend to Council an update to its Ordinance regarding when the terms start, and committee officer elections take place. After double checking to see if there's an automatic election triggered, the City Clerk had recommended adding an exemption to the election requirement for 2025 due to officers already been elected for 2025. Then In 2026, the chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary would be elected in Tourism's first meeting in June or its 1st meeting after the Council makes its appointments at its 1st meeting in May.

This change will align the Tourism Commission officer election and terms with most City boards, committees, and commissions and not trigger an auto election of officers if passed.

List of all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Minutes from May 5, 2025, Tourism Commission Meeting

Sec. 2-381 – Terms. From the Columbus Tourism Committee Ordinance

Redline Draft of Updated Sec. 2-381 – Terms. From the Columbus Tourism Committee Ordinance

Clean Draft of Updated Sec. 2-381 – Terms. From the Columbus Tourism Committee Ordinance

Action Requested of Tourism Commission:

Repeal and replace Sec. 2-381 – Terms. of the Columbus Tourism Committee Code with the following changes:

- The member of the hotel and motel industry, and the citizen members shall each serve a one-year term, beginning on June 1 of each year, (From: "The member of the hotel and motel industry, and the citizen members shall each serve a one-year term, beginning on January 1 of each year,")
- and at its first meeting after the Council's first meeting in May or as soon thereafter as the Tourism Commission may meet, shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. (From: "and at its first meeting of each calendar year, shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary.")

and to exempt election of chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary in 2025, with the next election of Tourism officers to take place as per the updated ordinance in 2026.