



## CITY OF TOMBALL

### APPLICATION FOR THE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As an Applicant for the **Tourism Advisory Committee**, your application will be public information. All appointments are made by the Tomball City Council. Incumbents whose terms expire may be considered for reappointment unless they indicate non-interest or have been appointed to two (2) consecutive terms. A member who is absent for more than 25% of called meetings in any twelve consecutive months or absent from more than two consecutive meetings, for other than medical reasons, will be automatically removed from service. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and must reside within the city limits of Tomball unless otherwise stated in the position announcement. Applications will be kept on file for two years and will expire at the end of two years; for instance, an application dated in 2022 will expire on December 31, 2024.

Please Type or Print Clearly:

Date: 2/5/24

Name: Katelyn Whisler

Phone: [REDACTED]

(Home)

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Work)

Email: [REDACTED]

I have lived in Tomball 7 years.

I am  am not  a U.S. Citizen

I am applying as (please check all that apply):

- a Tomball Resident, residing within the city limits of Tomball  
 an Owner, Officer or Director of a business, other than a hotel or motel,  
with offices within the city limits of Tomball  
 an Employee or Officer of a hotel or motel located in the  
city limits of Tomball

Occupation: I am co-owner of Maple Creek Bed and Breakfast, which opened in Tomball in 2016.

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Professional and/or Community Activities: Organize annual toy drive for Texas Childrens Hospital.  
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Additional Pertinent Information/References: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please attach a short biography to this application.**

**Briefly tell us why you would like to be considered for appointment to a City of Tomball Board/Commission.**

I would like to know what our occupancy tax money is being used for. I would also like to learn how my business can help the tourism of Tomball, and how Tomball can help my business.  
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**Please complete the attached Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ), Conflict of Interest Statement (CIS), Board Member Election on Disclosure, and Appendix D (page 33) Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding from the Boards, Commissions, and Committees Handbook.**

**Applications for the Tourism Advisory Committee will be kept on file in the City Secretary's office for two years.**

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**I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Katelyn Whisler

Signature of Applicant  
(Must be signed/signature typed in)

Please return this application to: City Secretary  
City of Tomball  
401 Market Street  
Tomball, TX 77375  
[cso@ci.tomball.tx.us](mailto:cso@ci.tomball.tx.us)  
office: 281-290-1002  
fax: 281-351-6256

Attachments: Conflict of Interest Questionnaire  
Conflict of Interest Statement  
Election on Disclosure  
Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding (Page 33, Handbook)

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

**FORM CIQ**

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.  
This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).  
By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.  
A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received

**1** Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

Katelyn Whisler

Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

**3** Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Officer

**4** Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes  No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes  No

**5** Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

N/A

Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

**7** Katelyn Whisler  
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

2/5/20

Date

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

**Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a):** "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

**Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)**

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**FORM CIS**

(Instructions for completing and filing this form are provided on the next page.)

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.  
This is the notice to the appropriate local governmental entity that the following local government officer has become aware of facts that require the officer to file this statement in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code

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Date Received

1 Name of Local Government Officer  
Katelyn Whisler

2 Office Held  
Tourism Advisory Committee

3 Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code  
N/A

4 Description of the nature and extent of each employment or other business relationship and each family relationship with vendor named in Item 3.

5 List gifts accepted by the local government officer and any family member, if aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100 during the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).

Date Gift Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Gift \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Gift Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Gift \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Gift Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Gift \_\_\_\_\_  
(attach additional forms as necessary)

6 **SIGNATURE** I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code

*Katelyn Whisler*  
Signature of Local Government Officer

**Please complete either option below:**

(1) Affidavit

NOTARY STAMP / SEAL

Sworn to and subscribed before me by \_\_\_\_\_ this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
20 \_\_\_\_\_, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

OR

(2) Unsworn Declaration

My name is Katelyn Whisler and my date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
My address is \_\_\_\_\_ TX 77375 USA  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)  
Executed in Harris County, State of Texas on the 5th day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
(month) (year)

Signature of Local Government Officer (Declarant)

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Section 176.003 of the Local Government Code requires certain local government officers to file this form. A "local government officer" is defined as a member of the governing body of a local governmental entity; a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of a local governmental entity; or an agent of a local governmental entity who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting of a vendor. This form is required to be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of this statement.

A local government officer commits an offense if the officer knowingly violates Section 176.003, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

Refer to chapter 176 of the Local Government Code for detailed information regarding the requirement to file this form.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

*The following numbers correspond to the numbered boxes on the other side.*

- 1. Name of Local Government Officer.** Enter the name of the local government officer filing this statement.
- 2. Office Held.** Enter the name of the office held by the local government officer filing this statement.
- 3. Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code.** Enter the name of the vendor described by Section 176.001(7), Local Government Code, if the vendor: a) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code; b) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code; or c) has a family relationship with the local government officer as defined by Section 176.001(2-a), Local Government Code.
- 4. Description of the nature and extent of each employment or other business relationship and each family relationship with vendor named in item 3.** Describe the nature and extent of the employment or other business relationship the vendor has with the local government officer or a family member of the officer as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code, and each family relationship the vendor has with the local government officer as defined by Section 176.001(2-a), Local Government Code.
- 5. List gifts accepted, if the aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds \$100.** List gifts accepted during the 12-month period (described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code) by the local government officer or family member of the officer from the vendor named in item 3 that in the aggregate exceed \$100 in value.
- 6. Signature.** Signature of local government officer. Complete this section after you finish the rest of this report. You have the option to either: (1) take the completed form to a notary public where you will sign above the first line that says "Signature of Local Government Officer" (an electronic signature is not acceptable) and your signature will be notarized, or (2) sign above both lines that say "Signature of Local Government Officer (Declarant)" (an electronic signature is not acceptable), and fill out the unsworn declaration section.

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**Local Government Code § 176.001(2-a):** "Family relationship" means a relationship between a person and another person within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as those terms are defined by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code.

**Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A):**

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that:

- a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.



## Board Member Election on Disclosure

An elected/appointed Board Member may choose whether or not to allow public access to the information in the custody of the City relating to the Board Member's home address, home telephone number, cellular and pager numbers (if not paid for by City), emergency contact information, personal email address, and information that reveals whether the person has family members.

Each Board Member shall state his/her choice in writing to the City Secretary's Office. If a Board Member elects not to allow public access to this information, the information is protected by Sections 552.024 and 552.117 of the Public Information Act and rulings of the Texas Attorney General. If a Board Member fails to report his/her choice, the information may be subject to public access.

If during the course of their term a Board Member wishes to close or open public access to the information, the individual may request in writing to the City Secretary's Office to close or open access as the case may be. A Board Member may request to close or open public access to the information by submitting a written request to the City Secretary's Office. Only the City Secretary's Office is allowed to disclose the information listed above.

**(Please strike through any information that you do not wish to be made accessible to the public)**

Please complete the information below and return to the City Secretary's Office within fourteen days of receipt.

I **DO** elect public access to my: (please indicate items you would like available, if any)

\_\_\_ home address

\_\_\_ home telephone number

\_\_\_ personal email address

\_\_\_ cell or pager numbers not paid for by the City

\_\_\_ emergency contact information

\_\_\_ information that reveals whether I have family members.

I **DO NOT** elect public access to my home address, home telephone number, cell or pager numbers, emergency contact information, or any information that reveals whether I have family members.

Katelyn Whisler  
Board Member's Signature

02/5/2024  
Date

Katelyn Whisler  
Board Member's Printed Name

**Appendix D**

**Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding**

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the City of Tomball Boards, Commissions and Committees Handbook on 2/5/24 (date).

I understand the eligibility requirements, policies, and procedures set forth in this Handbook.

I have read and understood the contents of this handbook and will act in accordance with these eligibility requirements, policies and procedures as a condition of my appointment to a board, commission, or committee.

I have read and understood the Standards of Conduct expected by the City of Tomball and I agree to act in accord with the Standards of Conduct as a condition of my appointment by the City of Tomball.

Finally, I understand that the contents of this Handbook are policies and guidelines established by the City Council of the City of Tomball and that the City Council may amend the Handbook at its discretion.

Please read this Handbook carefully to understand these conditions of appointment before you sign this document.

Katelyn Whisler  
Signature of Applicant for Appointment

Katelyn Whisler  
Printed Name of Applicant

2/5/24  
Date:

## Requested Biography of Katelyn Whisler

Hello! I was born in San Diego, California in 1993, but moved to Houston, Texas soon after once my father finished his time in the U.S. Navy. I grew up in the Spring area, and I graduated from Houston Baptist University with a double major in Business Marketing and Business Management in 2014. I also married Samuel Whisler in 2014 and have had three beautiful children together since then, all born at the Tomball Regional Hospital (James 2017, Emily 2020, Makenzie 2023). Soon after graduation, I started working at HR&P as a Customer Relations Specialist and assisted in onboarding new clients onto the payroll system. With the birth of our son in 2017, I decided to stay home to raise him and focus on our new business. In 2016, my husband and I, along with my parents Mike and Becky Clark, opened our business, Maple Creek Bed and Breakfast, in Tomball. We've been successfully hosting guests from all over the world and have been a part of so many special memories for the last seven years. In my free time, I enjoy reading, cheering on the Astros, and hanging out with my family.