

**CITY OF GAUTIER
Business Agenda Item #1
Fact Sheet**

Council Meeting: March 3, 2015
Title: Consideration of a Resolution supporting a 2% Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax for the purpose of supporting the Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors' Bureau

Introduced by:
Contact Person/Telephone: City Manager 497-8000 ext. 306

Summary Explanation: Consideration of a Resolution supporting a 2% Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax for the purpose of supporting the Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

EXHIBITS FOR REVIEW

Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plan Maps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Order	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submittal Authorization	City Manager

Staff Recommendation:
Approval

Motion Made by:													
Gollott	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guillotte	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaughan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colledge	<input type="checkbox"/>

Second Made by:													
Gollott	<input type="checkbox"/>	Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guillotte	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vaughan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colledge	<input type="checkbox"/>

Voted as follows:		Ayes	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Mayor	Gollott	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 1	Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 2	Guillotte	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 3	Vaughan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 4	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward 5	Colledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Taken:

There came for consideration of the Mayor and Members of the Council of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 000-2015

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAUTIER IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST BY THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A 2% HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX IN JACKSON COUNTY TO HELP FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST REGIONAL CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to House Bill 1716, Local and Private Laws of Mississippi, General Session, 2013 Legislature, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors' Bureau (Bureau) was created and commenced its operations on July 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1716, three (3) of the fifteen (15) board members serving on the Bureau are appointed by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Section 3(3)(d) of House Bill 1716, provides that the Commissioners appointed by Jackson County shall serve terms of two (2) years for the purpose of providing a reasonable period of time during which the County could identify and commit appropriate sources of tourism funding to the Bureau; and

WHEREAS, both Harrison County and Hancock County have implemented hotel/motel occupancy taxes within their jurisdictions for the purpose of funding the Bureau, while Jackson County has not yet contributed any funding thereto; and

WHEREAS, the voting privileges of the Commissioners from Jackson County will expire on June 30, 2015, unless Jackson County provides comparable funding in accordance with Section 3(3)(d) of House Bill 1716; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting on February 17, 2015, unanimously approved a Resolution requesting local and private legislation to authorize Jackson County to impose a two percent (2%) occupancy tax on hotels and motels located in all of Jackson County for the purposes aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities within Jackson County have been requested by the Board of Supervisors to pass separate Resolutions in support of the County's effort to acquire such local and private legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Gautier finds that it will be in the best interest of the citizens of our community to honor this request:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The matters and facts set forth in the foregoing preambles constitute findings of fact by the City Council of the City of Gautier.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Gautier is hereby on record in support of Jackson County's efforts to obtain local and private legislation allowing the County to impose a two percent (2%) occupancy tax on hotels and motels throughout the County for the purposes set forth hereinabove.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be sent to all members of the legislative delegation representing Jackson County and each of the municipalities therein.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by _____
Seconded by _____, and the following vote was recorded:

Mayor Gollott	_____
Councilwoman at Large Martin	_____
Councilman Jones	_____
Councilman Guillotte	_____
Councilman Vaughan	_____
Councilman Anderson	_____
Councilman Colledge	_____

Resolved, this the 3rd day of March, 2015.

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Cynthia Russell

Mayor Gordon Gollott