

## ARROYO GRANDE TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS

### **Section 1: Purpose**

The Arroyo Grande Tourism Business Improvement District (AGTBID) Advisory Board (Board) advises the City Council in the administration and use of the assessment funds. The Board recommends projects to the City of Arroyo Grande to promote tourism to directly benefit the City's lodging industry.

### **Section 2: Membership**

Board members shall be appointed by the City Council. The total membership of the Board shall consist of ~~a minimum of three (3) but not more than nine (9)~~ five (5) members, 2/3rds at with a preference that at least three (3) members of which will preferably shall be owners of lodging businesses within the AGTBID, or others with knowledge of tourism and/or the lodging industry. The Mayor and each Council Member shall appoint one representative to the AGTBID Board, subject to approval by a majority of the Council.

Membership on the Board shall be exempt from City residency requirements otherwise applicable to other City ~~Advisory Boards~~ advisory bodies. Criteria and selection for membership shall not discriminate based upon sex, race, religion, creed, color, age, national or ethnic origin, or any other classification protected by law.

Those seeking appointment to the Board must submit an application to the City Clerk's Office. Those Board members shall be appointed for four (4) years.

Board members whose terms have expired must submit a new application (terms are not automatically renewed), and the City Clerk will notify said Board members with a letter and new application form. Applications shall remain valid and on file for one year.

All appointees to the Board are also subject to the City's Ethics Policy and training requirements.

### **Section 3: Term**

Members of the Board shall serve for a term ending the January 31st following the expiration of the ~~term of the respective~~ ir appointing Mayor or Council Member, as applicable, unless re-appointed.

### **Section 4: Remuneration**

The Board shall serve without compensation.

### **Section 5: Termination of Membership**

Any member of the Board serving as an owner of a lodging business within the AGTBID shall be terminated in the event the member is no longer an owner of a lodging business or someone with knowledge of tourism and/or the lodging industry.

### **Section 6: Removal of Members**

~~A member~~ Members of the Board may be removed prior to expiration of their term by a majority vote of the ~~City~~ Council.

### **Section 7: Resignation**

Any Board Member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairperson, who shall forward such notice to the Board. Any such resignation will take effect upon receipt by the Chairperson or upon any date specified therein. The acceptance of such

resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

### **Section 8: Filling of Vacancies**

In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the City Council shall appoint an individual to fill such vacancy as soon as reasonably practicable. New members must meet the membership qualifications.

### **Section 9: Functions and Duties**

The functions and duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. To study, investigate and determine the need for the Arroyo Grande Tourism Business Improvement District on an annual basis.
- b. To advise the City Council regarding the expenditure of assessment funds on an annual and ongoing basis.
- c. To prepare and file the annual report as described in Streets and Highways Code Section 36533. Such report shall be submitted to the City Council no later than April 30 of each year.
- d. To study, investigate and make proposals regarding the need for any changes to the Arroyo Grande Tourism Business Improvement District on an annual basis be included in the annual report.
- e. To perform any other functions as directed by the City Council from time to time.

### **Section 10: Officers**

- a. At the first regular meeting of the Board wherein newly appointed Members are seated, the Members shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson who shall hold office for a period of one year.
- b. ~~the~~The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Board, and otherwise perform such duties as directed by the Board or Council. The Chairperson may sign documents necessary to carry out the business of the Board.
- c. The Vice Chairperson shall serve in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson.

### **Section 11: Meetings**

- a. Regular Board meetings shall be held at least quarterly according to a schedule established by the Board at the beginning of the calendar year six times a year in the months of January, February, March, April, June, August, and October, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at a location accessible to the public, in Arroyo Grande, California.
- b. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairperson or by a majority of the Board.
- c. A notice, agenda and other necessary documents shall be posted on the City's website and delivered ~~to the lodging members, personally,~~ by mail or by e-mail to Board members, at least seventy-two (72) hours prior for a regular meeting and 24 hours prior for a special meeting.
- d. The meetings shall be open to the public.
- e. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board Members then serving on the TBID Board.
- f. All actions of the TBID Board shall be by a majority vote or consensus and shall be directed through the Chairperson.

- g. Minutes of each meeting shall be taken, shall be available as a public record and forwarded to the Council if needed.

#### **Section 12: Staff Representation**

- a. The City of Arroyo Grande City Manager, or the designee of the City Manager, shall be responsible for preparing agendas and reports pertaining to Committee business and shall attend the Board meeting.
- b. ~~The South County Chambers of Commerce Executive Director~~ A designee of the City of Arroyo Grande City Manager will prepare and maintain accurate minutes of the official activities of the Board.

#### **Section 13: Amendments**

All amendments to the Bylaws shall be approved by the City Council.