

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 43

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT LOCAL LEGISLATION TO CLAYTON COUNTY TO INCREASE THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENT RELATING THERETO, AND OTHERWISE TO PERFORM ALL NECESSARY ACTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, within the territorial limits of the unincorporated special district of Clayton County the county currently levies a six percent (6%) Hotel/Motel tax on public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the county currently contracts with the Clayton County Tourism Authority, an authority created by the General Assembly for the purpose of promoting tourism, conventions and trade shows; and

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Tourism Authority currently operates a Convention and Visitor's Bureau; maintains a website listing the local historical sites of public interest; provides access for hotel and motel reservations; operates and maintains a tour bus to local points of interest; through the use of highway billboards, welcome center racks and other media, promotes and advertises the availability of local public accommodations and restaurants and other ventures to encourage travelers to visit Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly recently adopted legislation enabling municipalities and counties to increase such tax to eight percent (8%) with the approval of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. section 48-13-51(b) provides that counties wishing to increase such tax must adopt a resolution which specifies the subsequent tax rate, identifies the projects or tourism product development purposes and specifies the allocation of proceeds; and

WHEREAS, such tax would greatly benefit Clayton County by providing additional revenues for the promotion of travel and tourism in Clayton County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of Clayton County, Georgia and Clayton County, Georgia will best be served by increasing the existing Hotel/Motel tax.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby officially requests that the Clayton County, Georgia State Legislative Delegation approach the office of Legislative Counsel to draft and sponsor local legislation authorize Clayton County pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-13-51 (b)(3) to increase the levy of the tax on public accommodations (Hotel/Motel tax) from the existing six percent (6%) to eight percent (8%).

Section 2. Clayton County intends to use the proceeds of such tax for any legal purposes, to include specifically, but not necessarily limited to. (i) promoting tourism, conventions and trade shows by a qualified destination marketing organization designated by Clayton County for such purpose and (ii) tourism product development.

Section 3. The tax is authorized pursuant to Section 48-13-51(b)(3) shall be expended as follows:

- (a) As required in O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b) (5) (A) to promote tourism, conventions and trade shows.
- (b) As required in O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b) (5)(B) for continuation and providing new product development projects as permitted and defined in O.C.G.A. 48-13-50.2(6).

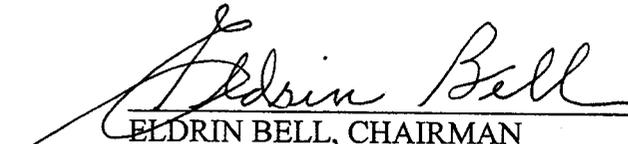
(c) As required in O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b)(6).

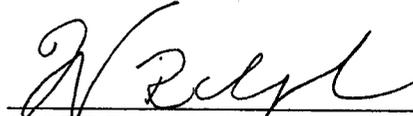
Section 4. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman to execute any document necessary and otherwise to perform all necessary acts to accomplish the intent of this Resolution

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 3rd day of March, 2009.

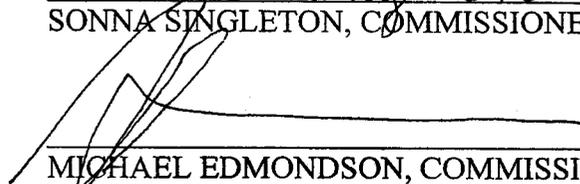
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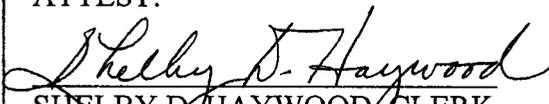

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