

RESOLUTION

STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE POLICY -

PROCEEDS FROM THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of James City County has considered a legislative policy relating to the use of proceeds from an increase in the County's Transient Occupancy Tax, should the authority be granted to increase the tax from a current maximum tax rate of two percent to a maximum of five percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby adopts the following in support of its request to the General Assembly to approve an increase in the maximum tax rate allowed for transient occupancy in James City County:

" IT IS THE STATED INTENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS to utilize any increase in the proceeds of the transient occupancy tax, resulting from an increase in the tax rate, to provide funds in support of agencies, programs and projects that are related to tourism in James City County.

" As illustrations, and not to be considered exclusive of other alternatives - contributions in support of promotional programs sponsored by the Williamsburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and/or Tourism Bureau and financial support of agencies like the Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation or the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. The Board may also consider funding some part of other tourist-related initiatives, relating to the promotion of visitation for James City County venues, such as the Michelob Classic, Busch Gardens, conventions, sports tournaments, Carters Grove Plantation, and outlet shopping.

" Support may also be considered for regional initiatives focusing on visitors and tourists sponsored by organizations such as a regional sports authority, historical commission or arts commission.

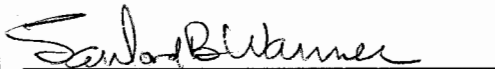
" Finally, the authority to increase the tax rate for transient occupancy may provide annual revenue in support of State, regional and County initiatives leading up to the 400th Anniversary of the 1607 founding of the Jamestown settlement, the birthplace of our Country."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to communicate this policy of legislative intent to the Honorable Thomas Norment, the Honorable George Grayson and other interested parties, in support of the legislative proposal to increase the maximum allowed tax rate on transient occupancy.



Robert A. Magoon, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
EDWARDS	AYE
TAYLOR	AYE
SISK	AYE
DEPUE	AYE
MAGOON	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 14th day of
January, 1997.

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