



FARRAGUT TOURISM/VISITOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER (TVAC)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this body shall be the **Farragut Tourism/Visitor Advisory Committee** (hereafter called the “committee”).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the committee is to advise and assist the Town of Farragut, its elected officials, citizens and staff, and serve as an advocate in the Town’s decision-making process for promoting the tourism initiative known as Visit Farragut. Committee members will act as ambassadors for the Town and work to identify tourism opportunities which will have a positive economic impact in our community.

ARTICLE III: COMMITTEE

Section I. Number, Terms, Qualifications

The committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members; five (5) of these voting members shall be composed of the following:

At least one (1) member shall be a representative of the Farragut Board of Alderman appointed annually on or around July 01 by the Board of Mayor and Alderman; at least one (1) member shall be a representative of a Farragut lodging business; at least one (1) member shall be a representative of a Farragut attraction; at least one (1) member shall be representatives of a Farragut dining establishment; at least one (1) shall be representatives of a Farragut sales-tax producing retail establishment. The remaining four (4) at-large voting members will be representatives of our diverse community. Two-thirds (2/3) of the committee shall be Farragut residents and/or registered Farragut business owners with the remaining one-third (1/3) of the members representing community stakeholders from the East Tennessee region. The Committee shall have one non-voting youth member that will be selected and appointed by the majority of the committee.

- Tourism Coordinator shall serve as an ex-officio member of this committee and be responsible for providing Town staff support to the committee as she/he deems appropriate.
- The members of the committee shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. Committee members shall be limited to two (2) terms on this committee. Terms shall be staggered.
- The non-voting youth member's term may be for one school-year term or less depending on the youth member's availability. The non-voting youth member may be removed from the committee at any time by majority vote of the committee.

Section II. Appointment

- Except for the Tourism Coordinator and the non-voting youth member, all members of the committee shall be appointed by majority vote of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Section III. Committee Responsibilities:

- a) Be subordinate to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
- b) Annually establish committee goals and objectives and make funding recommendations to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, through the Town Administrator, for inclusion into the annual budget.
- c) Provide a written annual report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at the end of the fiscal year.
- d) Assist in identifying grant opportunities and preparing grant proposals to help fund the Town's tourism objectives.
- e) Assist in the conceptualization, development and prioritization of economic development projects specific to tourism.

Section IV. Attendance at Meetings

Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The term of any member shall expire on the third absence from committee meetings during the fiscal year. Members may seek reappointment by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Section V. Disclosure of Interests

A committee member who has any interest in any matter before the committee, shall disclose said interest in accordance with the adopted Town Ethics Ordinance. The chairman shall make the determination on whether that member shall have a vote in said matter.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section I. Officers

The officers of the committee shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

Section II. Nomination and Election of Officers

Any member may nominate any other member of the committee (other than the Board of Mayor and Aldermen committee member and Tourism Coordinator) to serve as an officer of the committee. Officers of the committee shall be elected by majority vote of the committee. Officers shall be elected upon inception of the committee (at the 1st official meeting).

Section III. Terms of Officers

Officers of the committee shall be for a term of one year commencing after election. These positions shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee. These positions can be renewed for one additional year (two-year maximum) if elected by a majority of the committee but cannot serve more than two consecutive years in the same position.

Section IV. Vacancies

A vacancy in an officer position due to resignation, removal, or otherwise may be filled by majority vote of the committee for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section V. Chairman

The chairman shall prepare agendas in collaboration with the Tourism Coordinator or his/her designee, preside at all meetings of the committee in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, call special meetings of the committee, have the authority to cancel called meetings of the committee, provide the annual goals and year-end report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and appoint a subcommittee of the committee as needed.

Section VI. Vice Chairman

In the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman.

Section VII. Secretary

The Secretary shall record and maintain accurate records and minutes of the proceedings of the committee.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section I. Regular Meetings

The committee may meet six (6) times a year at Town Hall with the time and date to be determined by the committee. The committee will determine and publish the upcoming year's schedule at the first official meeting of the fiscal year.

Section II. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the committee members upon calling of the roll at any meeting.

Section III. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or by simple majority of the committee. Notice of a special meeting may be served by delivering it to the committee