

RESOLUTION 2001-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO THE *FLORIDA STATUTES* 125.0104 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL USES OF REVENUE AND TO ESTABLISH NEW ALLOCATION PROCEDURES TO ENABLE INDIVIDUAL FLORIDA COUNTIES TO DETERMINE HOW SUCH ADDITIONAL USES OF REVENUE WILL BE ALLOCATED. REQUESTING REVISION OF THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council was created by the Board of County Commissioners in May of 1989 pursuant to *Florida Statutes* 125.0104; and

WHEREAS, the TDC was created, in part, to levy a tourist development tax on lodging facilities and spearhead a unified marketing program to enhance economic growth through tourism; and

WHEREAS, tourism throughout Okaloosa County has increased in excess of 440% over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the need for maintenance and improvements of existing facilities as well as land acquisition for additional amenities has risen proportionately yet without flexibility or redirection from the Tourist Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the local Board of County Commissioners is more informed and therefore better suited to determine the needs of their precincts affected within the taxing district; and

WHEREAS, residents and guests State-wide will be best served in the future by redefining the laws governing the redirection of the distribution for bed tax revenues to include maintenance, restoration, improvement, acquisition, and administration of property and facilities specific to their individual areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Cinco Bayou that:

SECTION I: The Town of Cinco Bayou requests the Okaloosa Legislative Delegation to sponsor amendments to *Florida Statutes* 125.0104 to include provisions for other expenditures such as property acquisition and improvement of existing facilities, and further, to provide new allocation procedures to enable individual Florida counties to determine the distribution formula of how such additional uses of revenue will be allocated.

SECTION II. The Town of Cinco Bayou requests the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council and the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners amend the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Plan to coincide and track the proposed amendments to *Florida Statutes* 125.0104.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2001

APPROVED:

Randall P. Drabczuk, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nell Webb, Town Manager/Clerk