



May 14, 2024

To the Newport City Council:

On behalf of the Newport lodging properties with 18+ rooms, enclosed you will find the petition to form the Newport Tourism Marketing District, along with the district plan, which is replacing the Newport Tourism Marketing Management Authority. Below is a summary of said plan and some background information.

- In 2017, Discover Newport formed the Newport Tourism Marketing Management Authority (NTMMA) pursuant to R.I.G.L Title 45, Chapter 59, *District Management Authorities Act (DMA)*, which at the time was the only law that allowed us to do so. This district was renewed in June 2021 and is up for renewal in June 2024.
- The NTMMA's board has elected not to renew under the DMA, but to form a new district, *Newport Tourism Marketing district (NTMD)*, under R.I.G.L Title 45, Chapter 59.1, *Tourism Improvement Districts Act (TIDA)*, as this law is specific to Tourism and the NTMMA board believes it offers greater benefits to the district.
- The new district is for a 10-year term, with assessments starting at \$1.50. The assessment may incrementally increase, with a maximum of \$5.00.
- 100% of the lodging properties with 18+ rooms that are within the district boundaries have signed the petition.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evan Smith".

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Enclosures

FDI	NAME	ADDRESS	# OF ROOMS	Property Percentage	Petition Signed	Petition Weight
1	Newport Marriott	25 America's Cup Avenue	320	20.53%	Y	20.53%
2	Newport Harbor Island Resort	1 Goat Island	257	16.48%	Y	16.48%
3	Hotel Viking	1 Bellevue Avenue	208	13.34%	Y	13.34%
4	Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina	49 America's Cup Avenue	133	8.53%	Y	8.53%
5	Castle Hill Inn & Resort	590 Ocean Avenue	33	2.12%	Y	2.12%
6	The Vanderbilt - Auberge Resorts Collection (Previously the Grace Hotel)	41 Many Street	33	2.12%	Y	2.12%
7	The Wayfinder (Previously: Main Stay Hotel and Conference)	151 Admiral Kalbfus Road	187	11.99%	Y	11.99%
8	Jailhouse Inn	13 Marlborough Street	23	1.48%	Y	1.48%
9	Mill Street Inn	75 Mill Street	23	1.48%	Y	1.48%
10	Forty One North LLC	351 Thames Street	28	1.80%	Y	1.80%
11	Chanler At Cliff Walk, The	117 Memorial Blvd	20	1.28%	Y	1.28%
12	OceanCliff Hotel - Newport Time Resorts	65 Ridge Road	24	1.54%	Y	1.54%
13	The Brenton Hotel	31 America's Cup Ave	57	3.66%	Y	3.66%
14	The Hammetts Wharf Hotel 84	4 Commercial Wharf	84	5.39%	Y	5.39%
15	Yankee Peddler Inn	113 Touro St.	20	1.28%	Y	1.28%
16	Francis Malbone House	392 Thames Street	18	1.15%	Y	1.15%
17	Admiral Fitzroy Inn	398 Thames Street	18	1.15%	Y	1.15%
18	Gardiner House Hotel	24 Lee's Wharf	21	1.35%	Y	1.35%
19	The Wellington	551 Thams Street	52	3.34%	Y	3.34%
			1,559	100.00%		100.00%



NEWPORT TOURISM MARKETING DISTRICT DISTRICT PLAN

*Prepared pursuant to the Tourism Improvement Districts Act, Title 45,
Chapter 59.1 section 45-59.1 et seq.*

April 10, 2024

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I. OVERVIEW

Developed by Newport lodging businesses and Discover Newport (DN), the Newport Tourism Marketing District (NTMD) is an assessment district proposed to continue to provide specific benefits to payors, by funding sales, marketing & advertising, and destination development efforts for assessed businesses. This approach has been used successfully in other destinations throughout the country to provide the benefit of additional room night sales directly to payors. The NTMD was created in 2017 and subsequently renewed in 2021 for a three (3) year term using the District Management Association legislation. DN and Newport lodging businesses now wish to form the NTMD using the recently passed statewide Tourism Improvement Act for a ten (10) year term.

Location: The formed NTMD includes all lodging businesses, existing and in the future, with eighteen (18) rooms or more available for public occupancy located within the boundaries of the City of Newport, as shown on the map in Section II. A lodging business shall not be combined with other properties under the same ownership to meet the room count threshold.

Services: The NTMD is designed to provide specific benefits directly to payors by increasing awareness and demand for room night sales. Sales, marketing & advertising, and destination development will increase demand for overnight tourism thereby increasing demand for room night sales.

Budget: The total NTMD annual assessment budget for the initial year of its ten (10) year operation is anticipated to be approximately \$494,950. A similar assessment budget is expected to apply to subsequent years, but this assessment budget is expected to fluctuate as room sales do, as businesses open and close, and if the assessment is increased pursuant to this Plan.

Cost: DN may increase the assessment rate incrementally, up to the maximum allowable rates as follows: the assessment rate may increase the assessment rate incrementally, up to the maximum allowable rates as follows: the initial assessment rate will be \$1.50, the assessment rate in year two (2) shall not exceed \$2.00; the assessment rate in years three (3) and four (4) shall not exceed \$4.00; the assessment rate in years five (5) thru ten (10) shall not exceed \$5.00. Based on the benefit received, assessments will not be collected on: stays of more than thirty (30) consecutive days; and stays pursuant to State of Rhode Island – Division of Taxation Hotels and Other Accommodations Sales and Use Tax & Hotel Regulation 280-RICR-20-70-51 & §44-18-30 of the Sales and Use Taxes-Liability and Computation Law.

Collection: The City of Newport (City) will be responsible for collecting the assessment on a monthly basis (including any delinquencies, interest, and overdue charges) from each assessed lodging business located in the boundaries of the NTMD. The City shall take all reasonable efforts to collect the assessments from each assessed lodging business.

Duration: The formed NTMD will have a ten (10) year life, beginning July 1, 2024 or as soon as possible thereafter, and ending ten (10) years from its start date. After ten (10) years, the NTMD may be renewed pursuant to the Tourism Improvement Districts Act,

Title 45, Chapter 59.1 section 45-59.1 et seq. (TID Law) if lodging business owners support continuing the NTMD programs.

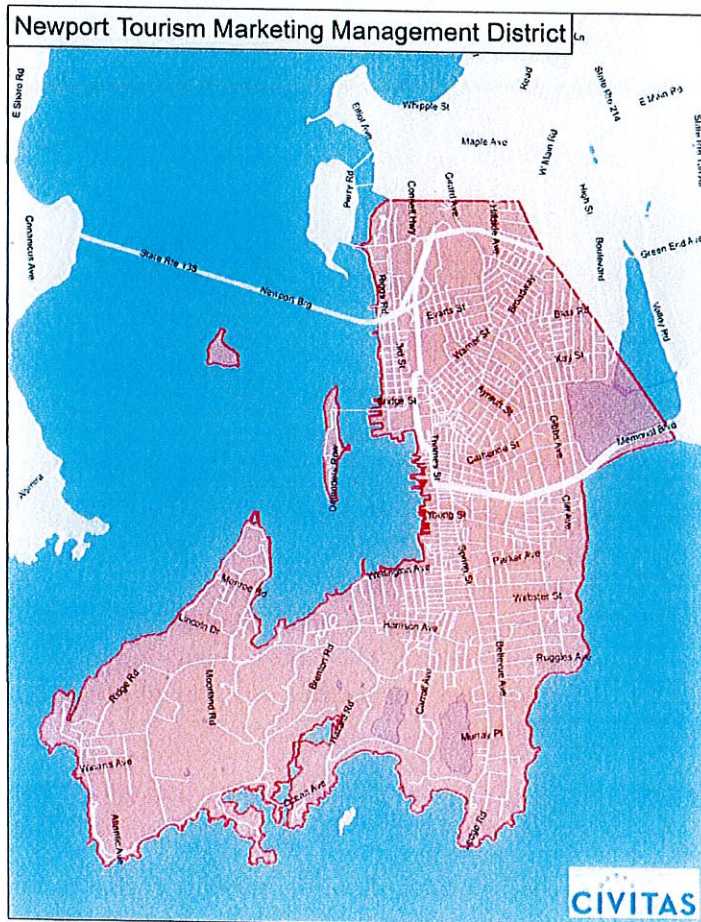
Management: DN shall serve as the NTMD's Owners' Association. The Owners' Association is charged with managing funds and implementing programs in accordance with this Plan, and must provide annual reports to the City Council. DN shall create a District Management Committee composed of a majority of assessed business owners, or their authorized representatives, who shall be charged with managing the funds raised by the NTMD and fulfilling the obligations of the NTMD Plan.

II. BOUNDARY

The NTMD will include all lodging businesses, existing and in the future, with eighteen (18) rooms or more available for public occupancy within the boundaries of the City of Newport, as shown in the map below. A lodging business shall not be combined with other properties under the same ownership to meet the room count threshold.

Lodging business means as defined in Hotels and Other Accommodations (280-RICR-20-70-51) is;

"Hotel" means any facility offering a minimum of one (1) room for which the public may, for a consideration, obtain transient lodging accommodations. The term "hotel" shall include hotels, motels, tourist homes, tourist camps, lodging houses, and inns. The term "hotel" shall also include houses, condominiums or other residential dwelling units regardless of the number of rooms, which are used and/or advertised for rent or occupancy. The term "hotel" shall not include schools, hospitals, sanitariums, nursing homes, and chronic care centers.

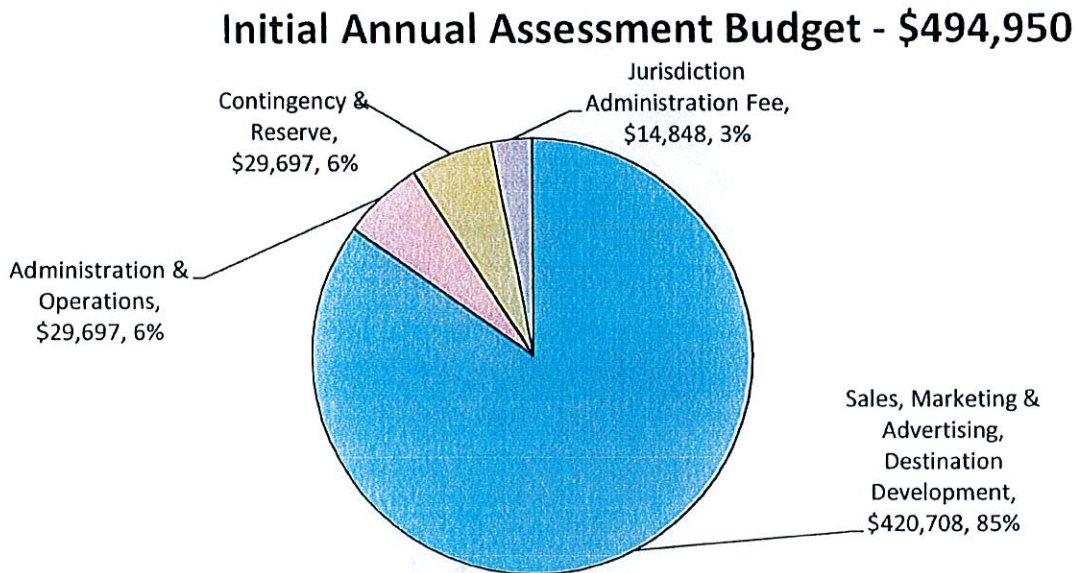


III. ASSESSMENT BUDGET AND SERVICES

A. Annual Service Plan

Assessment funds will be spent to provide specific benefits conferred or privileges granted directly to the payors that are not provided to those not charged. The privileges and services provided with the NTMD funds are sales, marketing & advertising, destination development and related administration programs available only to assessed businesses.

A service plan assessment budget has been developed to deliver services that benefit the assessed businesses. A detailed annual assessment budget, with recommendations from the District Management Committee, will be developed and approved by DN. The chart below illustrates the initial annual assessment budget allocations. These activities and allocations will also apply in subsequent years. The total initial assessment budget is estimated to be \$494,950 with a \$1.50 assessment.



Although actual revenues will fluctuate due to market conditions, the proportional allocations of the budget shall remain the same. However, the DN board, with recommendations from the District Management Committee, shall have the authority to adjust budget allocations between the categories by no more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total budget per year. A description of the proposed improvements and activities for the initial year of operation is below. The same activities are proposed for subsequent years. In the event of a legal challenge against the NTMD, any and all assessment funds may be used for the costs of defending the NTMD.

Each budget category includes all costs related to providing that service. For example, the sales budget includes the cost of staff time dedicated to overseeing and implementing the sales. Staff time dedicated purely to administrative tasks is allocated to the administrative portion of the budget. The costs of an individual staff member may be allocated to multiple budget categories. The staffing levels necessary to provide the services below will be determined by DN on an as-needed basis.

The funds generated by the NTMD assessment will be strategically deployed via a comprehensive and integrated sales, marketing & advertising, and destination development budget programs aimed at promoting the entire destination and maximizing demand for overnight stays in lodging businesses paying the NTMD assessment. NTMD supplemental services will increase overnight tourism and market assessed lodging businesses thereby increasing room night sales and revenue at assessed lodging businesses. Programs and initiatives will include the following:

Sales

A strategic sales and services program will secure and provide services to conventions, meetings, and events coming to Newport, RI, with an overarching goal of driving incremental destination-wide related business from key vertical, feeder, and growth markets to the benefit of the assessed businesses. The program will include the following kinds of activities:

- Dedicated funds to support incentives, hosting fees, and other offsetting costs associated with securing strategic industry events, incremental group and event business, and/or large-scale events for the destination that generate room nights for the assessed businesses;
- Direct sales activities driving destination-wide event-center related business – in turn, benefitting the assessed businesses by driving room nights and compression for the assessed businesses;
- Strategic partnerships, sponsorships, or other alliances that reinforce Newport as a destination of choice within the travel marketplace for meetings, events, and leisure travel – in turn, generating greater room night sales to the assessed businesses;
- Attendance at tradeshow, conferences, and professional industry/partner events to promote the destination and the assessed businesses;
- Sales missions, site inspections, and familiarization tours in domestic and international markets that showcase the destination and the assessed businesses.

Marketing & Advertising (Leisure + Trade)

A strategic marketing, advertising and PR program to promote Newport, RI as a preferred leisure, meeting and event destination, with an overarching goal of driving increased overnight visitation to the benefit of the assessed businesses. The program will include the following kinds of activities:

- Regional and national leisure and sales marketing for Newport, RI and marketing programs inclusive of broadcast, digital, print, Pay-Per-Click and out-of-home channels, designed to increase awareness of and drive overnight traffic to the destination – in turn, benefitting the assessed businesses through increased consumer demand;
- Membership dues for organizations that provide advocacy services, support, and/or content that will assist with destination brand awareness for lodging businesses paying the TID business fee.
- Public Relations programs and/or representation that enhance the profile of Newport, RI as a leisure and meetings destination– in turn, benefitting the assessed businesses through increased consumer demand;
- Brand development and reinforcement, including, but not limited to, hosting a website, and preparing and producing collateral promotional material;
- Provide consolidated business advocacy and programs for workforce development and training initiatives in Newport;
- International marketing and PR initiatives driving in-bound meetings and leisure travel to Newport, RI – in turn, benefitting the assessed businesses through increased consumer demand and increased room night bookings; and

Destination Development

Funds may be deployed to support destination development capital improvements and services that enhance the overall visitor experience but with an emphasis on overnight visitors at the assessed businesses or to enhance the destination's appeal that will contribute to the overall ambiance, attractiveness, and accessibility of the area. The NTMD will develop specific criteria for funding capital improvements and services, including an understanding that any such services and projects would be to benefit the assessed businesses and additive to and not in the place of core services.

Administration and Operations

The administration portion of the budget shall be utilized for the costs related to DN services particular to delivering enhanced and/or new programs and business opportunities, the administration and operations portion of the budget shall be utilized for similarly enhanced and or new administrative staffing costs, office costs, advocacy, ROI measurement and reporting and other general administrative costs such as insurance, legal, and accounting fees incurred by DN. This portion of the budget will also support the meetings of the District Management Committee.

Contingency/Reserve

A portion of the budget will be allocated to a contingency fund to account for lower-than-anticipated collections. If collected contingency funds remain in the budget near the expiration of the NTMD term, and business owners wish to renew the NTMD, the contingency funds may be used for renewal costs. Similarly, Discover Newport can allocate funds in one year to be held in reserve to fund specific events/programs in a future year, especially if those events may require such

significant resources whereby it would be advantageous to build funds in advance and potentially allow for interest collection.

Jurisdiction Administration Fee

The jurisdiction may charge a fee for services particular to administering the collection and enforcement of assessment revenues administrative fee for its costs to collect the assessment. The City's administrative charge will be three percent (3%) of the assessments collected and reported annually as part of the annual report submitted by DN. The City may retain the administrative fee as a deduction of assessment revenues. The City will forward assessment revenues less administrative fees to DN within thirty (30) days of receipt of assessment revenues.

IV. COST-SHARING FORMULA

A. Businesses Subject to Assessment

DN may increase the assessment rate incrementally, up to the maximum allowable rates as follows: the initial assessment shall be \$1.50, the assessment rate in year two (2) shall not exceed \$2.00; the assessment rate in years three (3) and four (4) shall not exceed \$4.00; the assessment rate in years five (5) thru ten (10) shall not exceed \$5.00. Based on the benefit received, assessments will not be collected on: stays of more than thirty (30) consecutive days; and stays pursuant to State of Rhode Island – Division of Taxation Hotels and Other Accommodations Sales and Use Tax & Hotel Regulation 280-RICR-20-70-51 & §44-18-30 of the Sales and Use Taxes-Liability and Computation Law.

The assessment is levied upon and is a direct obligation of the lodging business paying the assessment. However, the lodging business may, at its discretion, pass the assessment on to customers. The amount of the assessment, if passed on to each customer, shall be disclosed in advance and separately stated from the amount of rent charged and any other applicable taxes, and each customer shall receive a receipt for payment from the lodging business paying the assessment. The assessment shall be disclosed as the "Tourism Marketing Assessment". Any assessments that may be passed onto the customer may be subject to additional state or local taxes.

B. Rollover Funds

Any and all unused assessment funds collected during a year may be rolled over to the subsequent year to be used for programs detailed in Section III of this Plan. In the event of termination of the NTMD, after all outstanding debts are paid, derived from the collection of the assessment or derived from the sale of NTMD assets acquired with the revenues shall be spent as near as possible in accordance with this Plan or shall be refunded to the owners of the lodging businesses then located and operating within the NTMD who paid the assessment by applying the same method that was used to calculate the assessment in the fiscal year in which the NTMD is disestablished or expires.

C. Collections/Overdue Charges

The City will collect the assessment on a monthly basis from all lodging businesses paying the assessment and shall remit the collected funds to DN on a monthly basis. The City shall take all reasonable efforts to collect the assessments from each lodging business paying the assessment and shall retain three percent (3%) of NTMD assessment revenue to cover the cost of collection, administration, and costs incurred in pursuing payment of delinquent assessments. The City of

Newport will collect the fee on a monthly basis from each lodging business paying the NTMD assessment and will pursue collections of all delinquencies, including all applicable overdue charges and interests on any delinquency. Overdue charges and interest will be applied in the same manner as provided for hotel taxes in the City of Newport.

V. TIME FOR COMPLETION OF ALL PROPOSED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

All supplemental programs and services identified in this Plan will commence during the first year of NTMD activity and continue on an ongoing basis for the ten (10) year term of the NTMD.

VI. NTMD MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to §45-59.1-5 of the TID Law, the Owners' Association designated in the tourism improvement district plan shall have full discretion to select the specific activities and improvements within the authorized parameters of the tourism improvement district plan that shall be funded with tourism improvement district revenue. Discover Newport (DN), an existing nonprofit corporation, is designated via this Plan as the Owners' Association for the NTMD and is charged with managing the funds raised by NTMD and fulfilling the obligations of the NTMD Plan. DN shall create a District Management Committee, a subcommittee of the DN Board, to oversee the NTMD programs. The District Management Committee (DMC) shall be responsible for determining the management of the NTMD funds and expenditures. DN is responsible for submitting a financial and marketing plan for the NTMD services and expenditures, which will be submitted to the District Management Committee for approval. Once approved by the District Management Committee, the financial and marketing plan shall be submitted to the DN Board for final approval and executed by DN staff.

A. District Management Committee Structure

The DMC will consist of nine (9) members. All members will be appointed by DN and of which eight (8) members shall be owners or their authorized representatives of assessed lodging businesses located within the NTMD. One (1) member shall be a City Councilor from the City of Newport City Council

B. Annual Report

Pursuant to §45-59.1-15 of the TID Law, the Owners' Association shall cause to be prepared a report for each fiscal year, except the first year, for which assessments are to be levied and collected to pay

the costs of the activities described in the report. The first report shall be due ninety (90) days after the first year of operation of the NTMD.

The report shall be filed with the City and shall refer to the NTMD by name, specify the fiscal year to which the report applies, and, with respect to that fiscal year, shall contain all of the following information:

1. The activities and improvements to be provided for that fiscal year;
2. An estimate of the cost of providing the activities and improvements for that fiscal year;
3. The method and basis of levying the assessments in sufficient detail to allow each business owner to estimate the amount of the assessment to be levied against his or her business for that fiscal year; and
4. The estimated amount of any surplus or deficit revenues to be carried over from a previous fiscal year.

The City may approve the report as filed by DN or may make recommendations for approval to the annual report within forty-five (45) days of receiving the annual report. The annual report shall be final and approved within ninety (90) days following its submission by DN to the City.

C. Return on Investment Measurement

DN and the District Management Committee shall develop criteria to measure the return on investment from NTMD expenditures. Factors to be considered include: hotel tax revenues, hotel room night revenues, average daily rate (ADR), and revenue per available room (RevPAR), attendance, marketable impressions and/or website traffic.

APPENDIX 1 – LAW

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES — TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 45 of the General Laws entitled “TOWNS AND CITIES” is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 59.1 Tourism Improvement Districts

45-59.1-1. Short Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Tourism Improvement Districts Act.”

45-59.1-2. Legislative findings and purpose.

(a) It is found and declared that:

(1) Tourism is a major source of employment, income, and tax revenues in this state, and the expansion of the tourism industry is vital to the growth of the state’s economy.

(2) The tourism industry is important to this state, not only because of the number of people it serves and the vast human, financial, and physical resources it employs, but because of the benefits tourism and related activities confer on individuals and on society as a whole.

(3) Local government oversight and resources are needed to implement a coordinated and effective marketing program consistent with the needs of specific areas of this state, and to optimize the considerable investment of time, energy, capital, and resources being made by the tourism industry.

(b) It is the purpose of this chapter to authorize municipalities to create tourism improvement districts for the purpose of providing the services and undertaking the activities described in this chapter to supplement, not supplant, existing funding provided by the state and municipalities implementing a tourism investment district.

45-59.1-3. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Activity” means any programs or services provided for the purpose of conferring specific benefits upon the businesses that are located in the tourism improvement district and to which an assessment is charged.

(2) “Assessment” means a levy for the purpose of providing activities and improvements that will provide benefits to businesses located within a tourism improvement district that are subject to the tourism improvement district assessment. Assessments may be based on a percent of gross business revenue, a fixed dollar amount per transaction, or any other reasonable method based upon benefit, and approved by the municipality.

(3) “Authorizing resolution” means a resolution adopted by the municipality that authorizes the formation or renewal of a tourism improvement district and the levying of assessments.

(4) “Business” means any business establishment of the type or class that is described in the tourism improvement district plan and the authorizing resolution.

(5) “Business owner” means any person recognized by the municipality as the owner of the business. The municipality has no obligation to obtain other information as to the ownership of businesses, and its determination of ownership shall be final and conclusive for the purposes of this chapter. Wherever this chapter requires the signature of the business owner, the signature of the authorized representative of the business owner shall be sufficient.

(6) “Improvement” means an acquisition, construction, installation, or maintenance relating to tangible property, with an estimated useful life of five (5) years or more that is designed to provide benefits to assessed businesses.

(7) “Lead municipality” means the municipality in which the tourism improvement district plan is filed for the establishment of a tourism improvement district where such district includes more than one municipality.

(8) “Municipality” means any city or town in the state of Rhode Island.

(9) “Owners’ association” means a new or existing nonprofit corporation charged with promoting tourism within the area of the tourism improvement district that is under contract with the municipality to administer the tourism improvement district and implement activities and improvements specified in the tourism improvement district plan.

(10) “Tourism improvement district” means a tourism improvement district established pursuant to this chapter.

(11) “Tourism improvement district plan” means a plan as prescribed in § 45-59.1-5.

45-59.1-4. Boundaries of a tourism improvement district — Requirement of consent.

(a) Municipalities may create tourism improvement districts pursuant to this chapter.

(b) A municipality may form a tourism improvement district that assesses any business located within the boundaries as determined by the municipality. Should any lead municipality choose to

include other municipalities within the boundaries of a tourism improvement district, each participating municipality must provide written consent from the governing body of each participating municipality. In the event there are multiple consenting municipalities, upon successful receipt of consent from all participating municipalities, the lead municipality shall govern and administer the tourism improvement district.

(c) The boundaries of any proposed tourism improvement district may overlap with the boundaries of another tax, assessment, or special tax assessment area or management district created pursuant to Rhode Island law.

45-59.1-5. Contents of tourism improvement district plan.

A tourism improvement district plan shall include, but not be not limited to, all of the following:

(1) A map that identifies the tourism improvement district boundaries in sufficient detail to allow a business owner to reasonably determine whether a business is located within the tourism improvement district boundaries. The boundaries of a tourism improvement district may overlap with other tourism improvement districts established pursuant to this chapter.

(2) The name of the proposed tourism improvement district.

(3) The name of the owners' association.

(i) Where a newly formed nonprofit corporation is designated as the owners' association, the certificate of incorporation or bylaws shall provide that the owners' association's governing board shall be composed of a majority of business owners, or their authorized representatives, who pay the tourism improvement district assessment.

(ii) Where an existing nonprofit corporation is designated as the owners' association, the nonprofit shall create a committee composed of a majority of businesses owners, or their authorized representatives, who shall be charged with managing the funds raised by the tourism improvement district and fulfilling the obligations of the tourism improvement district plan.

(iii) The owners' association shall have full discretion to select the specific activities and improvements within the authorized parameters of the tourism improvement district plan that shall be funded with tourism improvement district assessment revenue.

(4) The activities and improvements proposed for each year of operation of the tourism improvement district and the estimated cost thereof. If the activities and improvements proposed for each year of operation are the same, a description of the first year's proposed activities and improvements and a statement that the same activities and improvements are proposed for subsequent years shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

(5) The estimated annual amount proposed to be expended for activities and improvements during each year of operation of the tourism improvement district. This amount may be estimated based upon the assessment rate. If the estimated annual amount proposed to be expended in each year of operation of the tourism improvement district is not significantly different, the amount proposed to be expended in the initial year and a statement that a similar amount applies to subsequent years shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

(6) The proposed source or sources of financing, including the proposed method and basis of levying the assessment in sufficient detail to allow each business owner to calculate the amount of the assessment to be levied against their business. The tourism improvement district plan may set forth increases in assessments for any year of operation of the tourism improvement district. Any business of the type or class of businesses that are subject to the assessment that commences operations during the tourism improvement district's term shall be subject to the assessment.

(7) The time and manner of collecting the assessments and any interest or penalties for non-payment.

(8) The specific number of years in which assessments will be levied. In a new tourism improvement district, the maximum number of years shall be ten (10). Upon renewal, a district shall

have a term not to exceed twenty (20) years. The tourism improvement district plan may set forth specific increases in assessments for each year of operation of the district;

(9) Any proposed rules to be applicable to the tourism improvement district.

(10) A definition describing the types or classes of businesses to be included in the tourism improvement district and subject to the tourism improvement district assessment.

45-59.1-6. Initiation of proceedings — Petition for a proposed tourism improvement district.

(a) Upon submission to the clerk of a municipality of a written petition, the municipality may initiate proceedings to form a tourism improvement district by adopting a resolution expressing its intention to form a tourism improvement district. The written petition may be signed by either:

(1) Business owners or their authorized representatives who will pay sixty percent (60%) or more of the assessments proposed to be levied; or

(2) Business owners or their authorized representatives who constitute sixty percent (60%) or more of the total rooms within the tourism improvement district.

(b) The petition of business owners required under subsection (a) of this section shall include a summary of the tourism improvement district plan. That summary shall include all of the following:

(1) A map showing the boundaries of the tourism improvement district.

(2) The types or classes of businesses that will be subject to the assessment.

(3) The assessment rate for the types or classes of business that will be subject to the assessment.

(4) Information specifying where the complete tourism improvement district plan can be obtained.

(5) Information specifying that the complete tourism improvement district plan shall be furnished upon request.

45-59.1-7. Hearing on establishment or renewal.

(a) If the municipality has received a successful petition pursuant to § 45-59.1-6, the municipality shall hold a public hearing on the establishment or renewal of the tourism improvement district prior to adoption of the authorizing resolution. Notice of the public hearing shall be mailed to the owners of the businesses proposed to be subject to the assessment.

(b) The municipality shall provide at least thirty (30) days' written notice of the public hearing at which the municipality proposes to establish or renew the tourism improvement district and levy the assessment.

(c) A protest may be made by any business owner that will be subject to the proposed assessment. Every protest shall be in writing and shall be filed with the municipality at or before the time fixed for the public hearing. The municipality may waive any irregularity in the form or content of any written protest. A written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing. Each written protest shall contain a description of the business in which the person subscribing the protest is interested that shall be sufficient to identify the business and, if a person subscribing is not shown on the official records of the municipality as the owner of the business, the protest shall contain or be accompanied by written evidence that the person subscribing is the owner of the business or the authorized representative. A written protest that does not comply with this section shall not be counted in determining a majority protest. If written protests are received from sixty percent (60%) or more of business owners or their authorized representatives, as determined via the same majority calculation method chosen in § 45-59.1-6, and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than sixty percent (60%), the municipality shall not levy the assessment.

(d) If a tourism improvement district includes multiple municipalities or portions thereof, the notice and hearing process set forth in this section shall be conducted by the lead municipality.

45-59.1-8. Changes to proposed assessment.

At the conclusion of the public hearing to establish or renew a tourism improvement district, the municipality may adopt, revise, change, reduce, or modify the proposed assessments, the boundaries

of the tourism improvement district, or the types or classes of businesses within the tourism improvement district that would be subject to the assessment. Proposed assessments may only be revised by reducing them, either independently or together in a uniform manner. The proposed tourism improvement district boundary may only be revised to exclude territory that will not benefit from the proposed activities and improvements. The types or classes of businesses that will be subject to the proposed assessment may only be revised to exclude the business types or classes that will not benefit from the proposed activities and improvements. Any modifications, revisions, reductions, or changes to the proposed tourism improvement district plan shall be reflected in the tourism improvement district plan prior to the municipality's adoption of the resolution creating or renewing the tourism improvement district.

45-59.1-9. Authorizing resolution.

(a) If the municipality, following the public hearing, decides to establish or renew a proposed tourism improvement district, the municipality shall adopt an authorizing resolution that shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(1) A brief description of the proposed activities and improvements, the amount of the proposed assessment, a statement as to the types or classes of businesses that will be subject to the assessment, and a description of the exterior boundaries of the tourism improvement district, which may be made by reference to any plan or map that is on file with the municipality. The descriptions and statements need not be detailed and shall be sufficient if they enable an owner to generally identify the nature and extent of the activities and improvements and the location and extent of the tourism improvement district.

(2) The time and place where the public hearing was held concerning the establishment or renewal of the tourism improvement district.

(3) A determination regarding any protests received. The municipality shall not establish or renew the tourism improvement district or levy assessments if a majority protest was received as described in § 45-59.1-7(c).

(4) A statement that the businesses in the tourism improvement district established by the resolution shall be subject to any amendments to this chapter.

(5) A statement that the activities and improvements to be conferred on businesses in the tourism improvement district will be funded by the proceeds of assessments. The revenue from the assessments within a tourism improvement district shall not be used for any purpose other than the purposes specified in the tourism improvement district plan, as authorized or modified by the municipality at the hearing concerning establishment or renewal of the tourism improvement district.

(6) A finding that the businesses within the tourism improvement district will benefit from the activities and improvements funded by the tourism improvement district assessments.

(b) The adoption of the authorizing resolution shall constitute the levy of assessments in each of the years referred to in the tourism improvement district plan.

45-59.1-10. Expiration of tourism improvement district term.

If a tourism improvement district expires due to the term specified in § 45-59.1-5(a)(8), a new tourism improvement district plan may be created and the tourism improvement district may be renewed pursuant to this chapter.

45-59.1-11. Time and manner of collection of assessments — Delinquent payments.

(a) The collection of the assessments levied pursuant to this chapter shall be made at the time and in the manner set forth by the municipality in the authorizing resolution. All delinquent payments for assessments levied pursuant to this chapter may be charged interest and penalties.

(b) Any delinquent payments for assessments, along with any interest or penalties, shall constitute a debt owed the municipality and may be collectable by the municipality as a debt under law.

(c) Any delinquent payments for assessments, interest, or penalties recovered under this section shall be expended in the same manner as provided in the authorizing resolution for proceeds of the assessment.

45-59.1-12. Validity of assessment.

The validity of an assessment levied under this chapter shall not be contested in any action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding is commenced within thirty (30) days after the authorizing resolution is adopted pursuant to § 45-59.1-9. Any appeal from a final judgment in an action or proceeding shall be perfected within thirty (30) days after the entry of judgment.

45-59.1-13. Certification to establish levels of services and funding.

The tourism improvement district is intended to provide supplemental funding and services and not to supplant existing funding or services. After establishing a tourism improvement district, the municipality shall not decrease the level of publicly funded tourism promotion services in a tourism improvement district existing prior to the creation of such tourism improvement district.

45-59.1-14. Modification to the tourism improvement district plan.

(a) The owners' association, at any time, may request that the municipality modify the tourism improvement district plan. Any modification of the tourism improvement district plan shall be made pursuant to this chapter. The tourism improvement district plan shall not be modified, except by the request of the owners' association and only in the manner requested by the owners' association.

(b) Upon the written request of the owners' association, the municipality may modify the tourism improvement district plan by adopting a resolution determining to make the modifications after conducting one public hearing on the proposed modifications. If the modification includes the levy of a new or increased assessment or the expansion of the tourism improvement district's geographic boundaries, the municipality shall comply with all procedures required for establishment of a new tourism improvement district provided by this chapter. Notice of all other public hearings pursuant to this section shall comply with both of the following:

(1) The resolution of intention to modify shall be published once at least seven (7) days before the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality.

(2) A complete copy of the resolution of intention to modify shall be mailed by first class mail, at least ten (10) days before the public hearing, to each business owner affected by the proposed modification.

(c) The municipality shall adopt a resolution of intention to modify which states the proposed modification prior to the public hearing required by this section. The public hearing shall be held not more than ninety (90) days after the adoption of the resolution of intention to modify.

45-59.1-15. Reports.

(a) The owners' association shall cause to be prepared a report for each fiscal year, except the first year, for which assessments are to be levied and collected to pay the costs of the activities described in the report. The owners' association's first report shall be due ninety (90) days after the first year of operation of the tourism improvement district.

(b) The report shall be filed with the municipality and shall refer to the tourism improvement district by name, specify the fiscal year to which the report applies, and, with respect to that fiscal year, shall contain all of the following information:

(1) The activities and improvements to be provided for that fiscal year.

(2) An estimate of the cost of providing the activities and improvements for that fiscal year.

(3) The method and basis of levying the assessments in sufficient detail to allow each business owner to estimate the amount of the assessment to be levied against his or her business for that fiscal year.

(4) The estimated amount of any surplus or deficit revenues to be carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(c) The municipality may approve the report as filed by the owners' association or may make recommendations for approval to the annual report within forty-five (45) days of receiving the annual report. The annual report shall be final and approved within ninety (90) days following its submission by the owners' association to the municipality.

45-59.1-16. Renewal of tourism improvement district.

(a) Any tourism improvement district previously established whose term has expired, or will expire, may be renewed by following the procedures for establishment as provided in this chapter.

(b) Upon renewal, any remaining revenues derived from assessments, or any revenues derived from the sale of assets acquired with the revenues, shall be transferred to the renewed tourism improvement district.

(c) There is no requirement that the boundaries, assessments, activities, or improvements of a renewed tourism improvement district be the same as the original or prior tourism improvement district.

45-59.1-17. Dissolution of district.

(a) A tourism improvement district established or extended pursuant to this chapter may be dissolved by adoption of a resolution by the municipality pursuant to this section when there is no indebtedness, outstanding and unpaid, incurred to accomplish any of the purposes of the tourism improvement district, and when either of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The municipality finds there has been misappropriation of funds or other malfeasance.

(2) The municipality finds there has been a violation of law in connection with the management of the tourism improvement district.

(b) During each year of operation of the tourism improvement district, there shall be a thirty (30) day period in which businesses subject to the assessment may request dissolution of the tourism improvement district. The first period shall begin two (2) years after the date of establishment of the tourism improvement district and shall continue for thirty (30) days. Each successive year of operation of the tourism improvement district shall have such a thirty (30) day period. Upon the written petition of sixty percent (60%) or more of business owners or their authorized representatives, as determined via the same majority calculation method chosen in § 45-59.1-6, the municipality shall pass a resolution of intention to disestablish the tourism improvement district. The municipality shall give public notice of any hearing on disestablishment.

(c) The municipality shall adopt a resolution of intention to disestablish the tourism improvement district prior to the public hearing required by this section. The resolution shall state the reason for the potential dissolution, shall state the time and place of the public hearing, and shall contain a proposal to dispose of any assets acquired with the revenues of the assessments levied within the tourism improvement district. The notice of the hearing on dissolution required by this section shall be given by mail to the owner of each business subject to assessments in the tourism improvement district. The municipality shall conduct the public hearing not less than thirty (30) days after mailing the notice to the business owners. The public hearing shall be held not more than sixty (60) days after the adoption of the resolution of intention. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the municipality shall adopt a resolution dissolving the tourism improvement district.

(d) After holding a noticed hearing, the municipality shall notify the owners' association to remedy the findings of the municipality within thirty (30) days. Such public hearing shall be held and notice given to the benefited businesses and the owners' association not less than thirty (30) days

prior to the hearing. If the owners' association does not remedy the violations within thirty (30) days of notification, or the municipality has not approved a plan to remedy the violation, at the conclusion of a hearing conducted under this section, the municipality may vote to terminate the tourism improvement district.

45-59.1-18. Remaining revenues.

Upon the dissolution or expiration without renewal of a tourism improvement district, any remaining revenues, after all outstanding debts are paid, derived from the levy of assessments, or derived from the sale of assets acquired with the revenues, shall be spent in accordance with the tourism improvement district plan or shall be refunded to the owners of the businesses then located and operating within the tourism improvement district in which assessments were levied by applying the same method and basis that was used to calculate the assessments levied in the fiscal year in which the tourism improvement district is disestablished or expires.

SECTION 2.

This act shall take effect upon passage.

History

Approved by the Governor June 29, 2022

Effective date: June 29, 2022

Sponsor

Representatives Carson, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, McEntee, Solomon, Barros, and Cortvriend

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THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND - AMERICA'S FIRST RESORT

June 20, 2024

Maureen Wall, Hotel Manager
Forty One North, LLC
351 Thames Street
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Ms. Wall:

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Very truly yours,

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk

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June 20, 2024

Elizabeth Doucette, Owner
Yankee Peddler Inn
113 Touro St.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Ms. Doucette:

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June 20, 2024

Daniel Balcenruk, General Manager
Newport North Hotel Property, LLC
151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Balcenruk:

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Walter Andrews, General Manager
Newport Marriott
25 America's Cup Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Andrews:

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June 20, 2024

Derek Shelly, General Manager
Hotel Viking
1 Bellevue Ave.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Shelly:

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June 20, 2024

David Smiley, General Manager
Newport Harbor Island Resort
1 Goat Island
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Smiley:

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Jason Bjerk, General Manager
Shaner Mezz Holding, LLC
49 America's Cup Ave.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Bjerk:

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Brian Young, Managing Director
Castle Hill Inn
590 Ocean Ave.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Young:

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Raphael Pazzini, General Manager
The Vanderbilt, LLC
41 Mary St.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Pazzini:

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Elizabeth Doucette, Owner
Jailhouse Inn
13 Marlborough St.
Newport, RI 02840

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June 20, 2024

Kathy Anderson, General Manager
Wellington Resort
P.O. Box 296
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Ms. Anderson:

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June 20, 2024

Jamie Secor, General Manager
Mill Street Inn
75 Mill St.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Secor:

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June 20, 2024

Raymond Minias, General Manager
The Chanler
117 Memorial Blvd
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

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June 20, 2024

Michael Lennahan, Controller
Newport Time Resorts, Inc.
65 Ridge Rd.
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

Dear Mr. Lennahan:

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June 20, 2024

Jonathan A. Ross, Managing Director
Brenton Hotel, LLC
31 America's Cup Ave.
Newport, RI 02840

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Very truly yours,

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk

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THE CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND - AMERICA'S FIRST RESORT

June 20, 2024

Randi Milewski, General Manager
The Hammetts Wharf Hotel 84
4 Commerical Wharf
Newport, RI 02840

Re: Notice of a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Receiving Comments from all Interested Persons on the Establishment of the Newport Tourism Improvement District

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Francis Malbone House
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Brian Fitzgerald, Owner
The Admiral Fitzroy Inn
398 Thames St.
Newport, RI 02840

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