

RESOLUTION NO. 2313-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, ADVOCATING FOR THE EXPANDED ALTERNATIVE USES OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TAX (TDT), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TRANSPORTATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCREASING THE TAX RATE, AND LOWERING THE 40% THRESHOLD FOR TOURISM PROMOTION, AND TO MAKE THIS A LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, defines the uses for tourist development tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; referendum; and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Section 125.0104(5)(a)6.d., Florida Statutes provides that at least 40 percent of all tourist development tax revenues collected in the county are spent to promote and advertise tourism as provided by said subsection; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County tourist development task force reviews and recommends uses for future unallocated Tourist Development Tax revenues in compliance with Florida Statutes to the Tourist Development Council and the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2026, the TDT task force voted to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners explore every avenue to expand alternative uses of the tax, including but not limited to transportation and affordable housing, increasing the tax percentage rate, and lowering the 40% threshold for tourism promotion, and to make this a legislative priority. That recommendation was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on August 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park, Florida is a significant contributor to tourism and a driver of regional economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida appreciates the past allocations of TDT funds that have benefited various Winter Park cultural organizations and event venues; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida sees value in the potential for expanding said alternative uses for the benefit of the region.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA :

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

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Section 2. TDT Recommendation. The City Commission hereby endorses the TDT task force recommendation to explore every avenue to expand alternative uses of the tourist development tax revenues, including but not limited to transportation and affordable housing, increasing the tax percentage rate, and lowering the 40% threshold for tourism promotion, and to pursue these as legislative priorities before the Florida Legislature.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word or provision of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive, procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, held at City Hall, Winter Park, Florida on the 9th day of September 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kim Breland, City Clerk