



**Lake of the Ozarks Area Business District of Morgan County
Advisory Board 2022 Election Procedures**

The Business District of Morgan County is accepting nominations to fill an expired seat in (1) Morgan Small (1-50 units). The Advisory Board seat expires in March 2025.

Nomination forms will be mailed to the Morgan County Business District lodging properties that are collecting and remitting lodging tax on February 11th. Nomination forms are due back to the Business District by the close of business on February 22nd.

All nominated candidates will be contacted via email to confirm they are interested in serving on the advisory board and accept (or decline) the nomination.

Voting information with the nominated candidates will be mailed to the Morgan County Business District lodging properties that are collecting and remitting lodging tax on February 28th.

In-person voting will take place at the Morgan Business District Annual meeting to be held on March 29th from 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. at the VFW in Gravois Mills. Absentee voting will take place at the operations office located at 985 KK Drive, Osage Beach. Additional voting information will be included in the February 28th mailer.

Per the by-laws of the Business District of Morgan County, absentee ballots are available to those appearing at the operations office located at 985 KK Drive, Osage Beach. Absentee voting shall take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM from March 14th through close of business on Monday, March 28th. These ballots will be sealed by the voter and remain sealed until delivered to the VFW Post on Tuesday the 29th to be opened and tallied by VFW staff assisting with the elections.

Eligible candidates and voters are verified with the current lodging tax collection report provided by the Morgan County Collector. ID will be required by all voters to verify against the lodging tax collection report.

Property Managers shall be required to produce the following: 1.) A list of the properties you manage in Morgan County with addresses. 2.) A notarized affidavit attesting to the fact that you manage the listed properties. 3.) A copy of a contract, contract addendum or authorization letter acknowledging that you, the property manager is authorized to vote on their behalf. This document must contain the name of the unit owner and the address to cross reference to the above-mentioned list. All documents must be left with your ballot the day you cast your vote.

Property Manager Vote:

The Tri-County Lodging Association Board of Directors had previously sought legal clarification for the voting procedures for those that manage vacation rental property for overnight rentals. The following is an explanation of this procedure:

If a property management company manages 100 houses/condos in Camden, Miller, or Morgan County, within the boundaries of the respective Lake of the Ozark Area Business Districts, the property manager, WITH permission from the home/condo owner, may vote in their place. A property manager with 100 properties (Each home/condo is an individual business as the owner is technically responsible for the lodging taxes to be remitted) could potentially cast 100 votes in the small category of the appropriate Business District. Said property manager would be required to provide legal proof that they have this permission or have this in their management contract and produce same. Legal counsel offered the following verbiage as an example of the home/condo owner's permission to vote in their place:

- 1) A signed statement by the property owner "I authorize ____ to vote on behalf of ____."
- 2) A verified statement by the property manager "I, _____, do hereby swear and attest under penalty of perjury, that I am authorized to vote on behalf of _____."

Questions:

Any questions on the election process should be directed to the Morgan County Business District.

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