

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20030983

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Permission to advertise and conduct a public hearing on September 23, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. to consider and adopt amendments to Lee County Ordinance 01-16, relating to the Local Option Tourist Development Act.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** A public hearing is necessary for the Board of County Commissioners to amend County Ordinances.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Allows the Tourist Development Council to appropriate funds, based on Board direction, to the Edison/Ford Estates for maintenance.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**  
COMMISSION DISTRICT #

*C12A*

**3. MEETING DATE:**

*09-02-2003*

**4. AGENDA:**

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE     *01-16*
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

**6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT     *County Attorney*
- C. DIVISION         *General Services*
- BY: *Andrea R. Fraser*  
*Assistant County Attorney*

**7. BACKGROUND:** The Board of County Commissioners adopted the Local Option Tourist Development Tax Ordinance which levied, imposed and set a three percent (3%) tourist tax throughout Lee County. Imposition of the tax is based on Florida Statutes Section 125.0104, the "Local Option Tourist Development Tax."

Recently, the Board of County Commissioners pledged monies to the City of Fort Myers for the maintenance of the Edison/Ford Estates. Those monies were pledged from Tourist Tax dollars. In order to fund the maintenance, the Tourist Tax Ordinance must be amended to include spending of the 13.4% of the receipts of the Tourist Tax being placed in the trust fund to be used for museums. When the Ordinance was originally adopted, museums were not included.

Adoption of the proposed changes would allow for those uses permitted under the Florida Statute.

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Andrea Fraser</i>	<i>Apm 8/19/03</i>	OA	OM	RISK	GC	<i>8-21-03</i>
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**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED
- \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED
- \_\_\_\_\_ DEFERRED
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

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