

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-617

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Carrico

Date of Introduction: August 12, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: August 12, 2025

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Dennis Thompson to the Duval County Tourist Development Council, as a Tourist Industry Representative, for a second full term ending June 30, 2029.

Background Information: The Duval County Tourist Development Council is established pursuant to Chapter 70, *Ordinance Code*, and Section 125.0104, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to recommend a method of coordination of existing tourist development efforts by both public and private agencies, organizations and business and of new or additional tourist development efforts; identify and recommend methods of eliminating unnecessary duplications in existing tourist development efforts; identify and develop new tourist development efforts; create, prepare and submit to the Council a tourist development plan; and review the expenditures of revenues from the Tourist Development Trust Fund and report any unauthorized expenditures to the Council and State Department of Revenue.

Section 70.102(a)(6), *Ordinance Code*, provides that two members shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development.

Mr. Thompson attended FSU and UNF. He is the owner/operator of Adventure Kayak Florida, the official concessionaire for Hanna Park that offers kayak & canoe rentals and lessons on the park's 60 acre fresh water lake, mountain bike & beach cruiser rentals, camping supplies and guided kayak tours around Jacksonville. In May 2015, Mr. Thompson completed a 16-day 310 mile paddle along the entire length of the St. John's River. He resides in Duval County in council district 13.

Attendance Record: Mr. Thompson attended 25 of 25 (100%) meetings in his first term.

Policy Impact Area: Tourist Development Council operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey