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### Bellevue-Redmond Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) Overview

- Initiated by lodging businesses
- Bellevue & Redmond
- Bellevue City Council is the Legislative Authority
- Interlocal agreement calls for the formation of an Advisory Board



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### **Economic Impacts of Tourism**

Overnight visitors spend big in our community:

- 1.84 Million overnight visitors.
- Visitors directly spent \$553M in the local economy.

The TPA would generate \$3.5M for tourism promotion

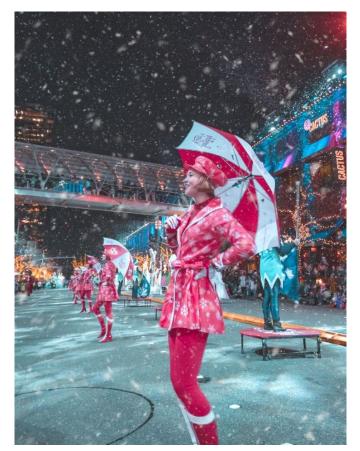


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# **TPA Advisory Board Overview**



#### Ordinance:

- Consistent with the interlocal agreement and Petition
- Uses existing best practices

#### Board:

- Subject to Public Meeting Requirements
- Advisory to Council



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- Equal membership.
- Two terms at four years per term.
- Appointment process.
- Public Meetings, at least quarterly.
- Staff support from Community Development.



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- Recommend a yearly budget and strategic plan by July 30.
- Recommend agreements for TPA operation.
- Provide an annual report to the City of Redmond.



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# **Next Steps**

- If directed, staff will return for adoption on May 22, 2023
- Contract with DOR for fund collection in June.
- Appointments to the Board
- Revenue collection begins July 1

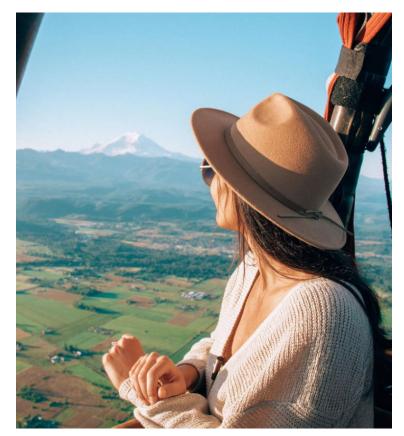
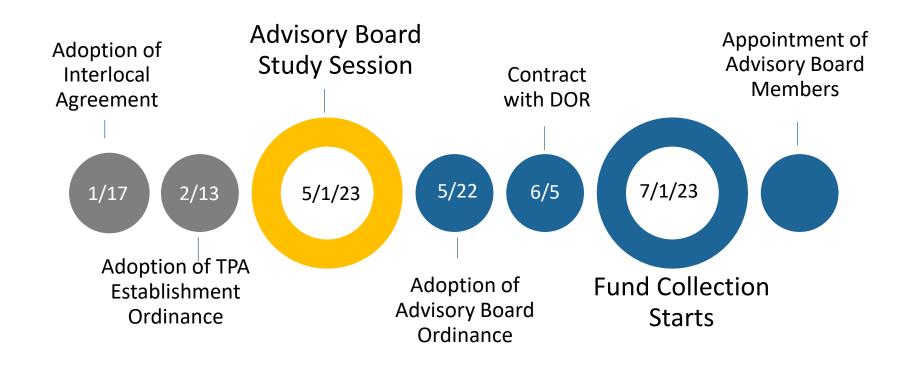


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# **Tourism Promotion Area Milestone Calendar**





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