

## **Lodging Tax Increase Ballot Initiative**

During the joint meeting of the WCVB Board and City Council increasing the lodging tax rate was discussed. Diane Thompson, County Clerk and Election Authority was contacted for information regarding the election.

If the WCVB Board and City Council approve presenting the issue before the voters on the April 2019 General Municipal Election, the WCVB Board will need to approve at the November 8 WCVB Board meeting with the ordinance being presented to the City Council for approval at the December 10 meeting.

As per Diane Thompson, County Clerk and Election Authority, placing the issue on the ballot is estimated to cost \$2,100. The actual cost depends on the number of issues placed on the ballot.

### **TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

WCVB Board Retreat

October DATE TBA

WCVB Board Approve Presenting the Issue/Amend Budget

November 8

Council Approve Ordinance to Place the Issue on the Ballot

December 10

Present to County Clerk and Election Authority

By 5 PM January 29