



TOWN OF MOUNT JACKSON

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Community Service Application

Please review the descriptions and note the board, committee or commission that you are interested in serving on:

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission is an advisory body for the Town Council. The members work with the Town Council to guide and plan the development of the Town of Mount Jackson consistent with the Town's comprehensive land use plan and state law. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to support the growth and development of the Town of Mount Jackson by providing recommendations to the Town Council on proposed changes in the use of a property, establishing regulations and guidelines which help to promote the orderly growth of the Town, and prioritizing projects for inclusion in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This committee of volunteers guides the Town Council in their decision making taking into account the Town's distinctive character, and history, and working to keep a sense of community intact. The Commission holds public hearings on many of the matters it considers, often these hearings are held with the Town Council in attendance. Prior knowledge in property development and planning is helpful, as members are required to make difficult recommendations to Council on land use matters. Members are required to be residents of the Town of Mount Jackson, with at least four being property holders. There is state-provided training for planning commission members, which is reimburseable by the Town within the Town's guidelines. Commission members are required to obtain state training within one year of appointment. Members serve a four-year term and are appointed by the Town Council.

Economic Development Authority: The mission of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) is to promote industry and develop trade by inducing entrepreneurs to locate, remain and expand in Mount Jackson and the local area. The EDA member should have an interest in business development in the Town of Mount Jackson. The EDA is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose of obtaining and constructing facilities. In addition, the EDA established a revolving loan fund to aid small-to-medium sized organizations in retaining or creating jobs in the area, and expanding business in Mount Jackson. Each director is required to be a resident of the Town of Mount Jackson or Shenandoah County. A director serves a four-year term (unless filling an unexpired term) and is appointed by the Town Council.

Board of Zoning Appeals: The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) serves as a quasi-judiciary board in hearing and deciding variances to the zoning ordinance and appeals to decisions made by the Zoning Administrator. Members are required to be a resident of the Town of Mount Jackson. The person who serves on this board must possess critical thinking and analytical skills in order to comprehend and assist in the implementation of the zoning regulations. There is a state-provided training for BZA members which is reimburseable by the Town within the Town's guidelines. Board members are required to obtain state training within one year of appointment. Appointment to the BZA is upon recommendation by Town Council to the Circuit Court. BZA members are appointed by the Circuit Court of Shenandoah County and serve a five-year term.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact #: _____

Email: _____

Applicant Qualifications

Education: High School____ College ____ Post Graduate____ Technical____ Military____

Employment: Self Employed (Provide Business Name)_____

Employed (Provide Current Employer)_____

Retired (Previous Employer)_____

Student (School Name)_____

Military (Branch & Rank)_____

Other (Stay-at-Home Parent, Volunteer, etc.)_____

Certifications:_____

Civic Activities & Memberships:_____

Reason to Serve: (Explain why you would like to serve Mount Jackson on a board, committee, commission, etc.)_____

How did you find out about this opening:

____ Town Website

____ Friend/Family

____ Newspaper Ad

____ Other: _____

Applicant Signature:_____

Date:_____