
Profile

Whenever possible, applications should be submitted prior to the scheduled meeting of the affected advisory board so that they can consider all applications prior to making a recommendation to Council.

Public Records Statement

I acknowledge that all information submitted in this application becomes a public record and will be searchable online. The Town is not able to remove information from the public record once it has been posted.

I Agree

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Residency within the Town limits is required for membership on most Council advisory bodies. Memberships of some committees and task forces may be composed of up to forty percent of non-Town residents.

What district do you live in? *

Orange County-ETJ (Blue)

[Please consult the town maps HERE if you are unsure.](#)

If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

Greater than 10 years

The Council encourages you to visit a meeting of the group that you are interested in serving on. Please choose no more than two groups from the list below to which you would like to apply.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Orange County-Extra Territorial Jurisdiction Resident (ETJ)

Which Board is your First Choice? *

Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply by holding down the shift key)

Other (provide additional information below)

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify specify:

friend forwarded the information

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I have lived in Chapel Hill area most of my life and raised 5 children here. I was a builder for 20 years before taking a job with Orange County Government. During the economic downturn I returned to NC State University and received a Master of Architecture. I recently retired from the position of Chief Building Inspector. I feel I have a unique perspective as as a resident, local business owner, my involvement in community development and the health and welfare of the citizenry.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I research areas of concern prior to comment or recommendation, knowing an informed approach is best for the widest spectrum of any community. I am practiced public speaker and have presented to local, state and national organizations.

You may upload a supporting document (e.g., CV or resume). **Please be advised that any information submitted becomes a public record and may be searchable online.**

Demographics

In order to consider this application and provide some balance to the various boards, this personal information is required:

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

over 55

retired

Occupation

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

Ethics Statement

ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Members of advisory boards and commissions shall not discuss, advocate, or vote on any matter in which they have a conflict of interest or an interest which reasonably might appear to be in conflict with the concept of fairness in dealing with public business. A conflict of interest or a potential conflict occurs if a member has a separate, private, or monetary interest, either direct or indirect, in any issue or transaction under consideration. In addition, members of the Historic District Commission and Board of Adjustment, when these boards are hearing cases, serve as quasi-judicial bodies. Pursuant to State Statute 106A-388(e)(2), members of these boards “shall not participate in or vote on any quasi-judicial matter in a manner that would violate affected persons’ constitutional rights to an impartial decision maker. Impermissible violations of due process include, but are not limited to, a member having a fixed opinion prior to hearing the matter that is not susceptible to change, undisclosed ex parte communications, a close familial, business, or other associational relationship with an affected person, or a financial interest in the outcome of the matter.”

Any member who violates these Ethics Guidelines may be subject to removal from the board or commission. If the advisory board or commission member believes he/she has a conflict of interest then that member should ask the advisory board or commission to be recused from voting. The advisory board or commission should then vote on the question on whether or not to excuse the member making the request. In cases where the individual member or the advisory board or commission establishes a conflict of interest, then the advisory board or commission member shall remove themselves from the voting area. Any advisory board or commission member may seek the counsel of the Town Attorney on questions regarding the interpretation of these ethics guidelines or other conflict of interest matters. The interpretation may include a recommendation on whether or not the advisory board or commission member should excuse himself/herself from voting. The advisory board or commission member may request the Town Attorney respond in writing.

I Agree *

Applications will be kept on file from July 1st to June 30th of the same fiscal year. Please reapply each fiscal year if you are still interested in serving on an Advisory Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force and have not yet been appointed.