
Profile

Whenever possible, submit your application 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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City

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State

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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? *

☒ Chapel Hill Town limits (Purple)

[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?

Housing Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Housing Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Housing Advisory Board *

☒ Homeowner or Tenant

Which Board is your First Choice? *

☒ Housing Advisory Board

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

☒ Email

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

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?

As a resident of Chapel Hill for more than 20 years, I am very familiar with the town and have followed closely the local issues that affect our residents. I am particularly interested in the issue of housing and see the need to have adequate and varied housing options for residents of all income levels as well as appropriate student housing availability. The most critical current need is for more housing options for very low income residents (<30% AMI), including housing providers who will accept subsidies (e.g. Housing Choice Vouchers). All housing should be planned, constructed, and maintained in ways that help create a high quality of life for all residents. This would include attention to things like housing density, traffic impacts, proximity to retail and services, transportation options, walkable/bikeable access routes, diverse neighborhoods, protection of historic neighborhoods, and appropriate architectural designs.

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

Current and past relevant employment, volunteer experience, and education include: - HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD, Town of Chapel Hill. Current member. - SOAR SOCIAL WORKER, Orange County Department of Social Services. Represented people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to the Social Security Administration as they applied for SSI/SSDI disability income/insurance. The objective was to enable these individuals to secure housing. - HOMESTART PROGRAM MANAGER, Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC). Managed operations and social work/case management support at shelter for women and families experiencing homelessness. Also served as case manager and client services rep in previous roles with IFC. - HABILITATION COUNSELOR, Alberta Professional Services. Supported residents of a Chapel Hill group home for adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses. - ORANGE COUNTY JUSTICE UNITED. Affordable Housing Research Team. - ORANGE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS. HOME Committee, Project Connect, Point-In-Time Count. - HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, Town of Chapel Hill. Vice-Chair. - PERSONNEL APPEALS COMMITTEE (renamed Grievance Hearing Board), Town of Chapel Hill. - CDBG REVIEW BOARD, Town of Chapel Hill. - MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.

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

The Town Council seeks to attract persons from diverse backgrounds and believes that childcare and transportation is a potential barrier for qualified and interested applicants. See the [Childcare and Transportation Assistance pilot](#) for further details. 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

Social worker

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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 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 the outcome of the matter being considered is reasonably likely to have a direct, substantial, and readily identifiable financial impact on the member. 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 General Statute 160D-109(d), 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 shall recuse himself/herself from voting on the matter. 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.