

Boards & Commissions Application



I am interested in serving on the following boards/commissions. (Please indicate the order of preference).

- 1. Planning Commission
- 2. Harrisonburg Electric Commission

As an applicant/member of a Council-appointed Board or Commission, your name, address, and phone number will be available to the press and public. Information will be kept on file for three years. Public discussion of information contained herein may occur in the meeting at which appointments are considered by the City Council.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr. (Please type or print clearly)

Name: Ashenfelter John P **Date:** September 6, 2016
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 331 Dixie Avenue **Zip Code:** 22801

Phone Number: 540-433-7532 **Alternate Phone:** _____

Occupation: Software Developer **Employer/Organization:** EdSurge

E-mail: john@ashenfelter.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 12 **years.**

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No **Name of Referring Party:** _____

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission? Cable Website Council Meeting
 Other: _____

Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?

I am excited about Harrisonburg and keeping it a great city to live in. Part of the responsibility that comes with being part of the community is contributing back. I'm hoping to get a better understanding of how the various city commissions and boards work by being part of one and seeing if I want to become even more active locally in government.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I've been a downtown business and property owner for eight years in addition to owning several homes in Harrisonburg. I've been through the commercial building process three times and have an understanding of the owner-side of the process.

As far as the HEC goes, I've got both years of business experience and several science degrees which seems relevant as the city and the HEC look at more environmentally sustainable options for future growth.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

I've *very* interested in education, education policy, and our school systems.

I'm also very interesting in developing sustainable job growth and industry in Harrisonburg outside of the retail and restaurant sector, specifically software and technology companies and other small service businesses.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Board and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

I currently am in my third term (8th year) as a board member for the Friendly City Food Coop, where I have been treasurer since well before the store opened.

This past year, I served on the parent advisory board to the Harrisonburg school system superintendent.

I was the treasurer for 2 years for Woodland Montessori school, while my children attended it.

-Please return completed application to the City Manager's Office-

Applicants are encouraged to attach a resume or other supporting information that may be helpful to Council in considering their application.

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