

Boards & Commissions Application



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

- 1. Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Com
- 2. _____

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: Levan Noel Date: January 14, 2019
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 156 Maryland Avenue Own/Rent? own

Phone Number: 540-383-7028 Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation: family mediator Employer/Organization: Fairfield Center

E-mail: noel_levan@hotmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 14 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: email

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

I've lived in this community longer than I've lived any where else. As a property owner and citizen I have a vested interest in my community, its present and future. As an active member of my community I have some knowledge of how our community functions and may imagine that I have something of value to contribute, that will benefit us all. My knowledge spans five decades of stewardship, conservation of natural resources, organic gardening, recycling, home-making and building skills.

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

I have endeavored to maximize the water retention on my home property. To accomplish that required that I become educated regarding water conservation methods and techniques. When I relocated here in 2006, I and my wife were among the first volunteers to undertake the development of our (now succesful) Friendly City Food Cooperative. As a board member of that organization I have (for eight years) engaged to create something of value to the citizens of our community. I am also a board member (until 2020) with the Valley Playhouse: Community Theater organization. In that role I have led individuals and other community theater companies to engage (in 2018) the first-ever Down Stage: Down Town Community Theater Invitational, wherein six theater companies (from Roanoke to Winchester) offered nine performances over the course of an evening at Court Square Theater. Now I am coordinating a second engagement scheduled for March 30th of this year.

My personal education includes a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy. With that degree I practiced my profession for over 40 years, educated students at two colleges, to become therapists, and held positions on professional boards at local, state and national organizational levels.

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

I have recently begun educating myself regarding plastic recycling issues and opportunities. I have forwarded some information to members of both city and county government. I know that communities (such as ours) throughout our nation are struggling to create appropriate responses to the clear need to address plastic waste, and recycling in general. I may imagine that this community could muster resources, knowledge and, building upon the experiences of other communities at the forefront of this looming crisis, could with ingenuity and innovation, meet the challenges of how best to engage and manage our plastics.

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

1. Board of Directors, Friendly City Food Cooperative, Harrisonburg, VA
2. Board of Directors, Valley Playhouse, Harrisonburg, VA
3. Board of Directors, Group Home for Autistic Children and Adults, Albemarle NC
4. Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, Bethesda, MD
5. Distric Chairman, Virginia Occupational Therapy Association
6. District Chairman, North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association

-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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**Supplemental Questions for Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee (EPSAC)
Application**

- 1) The EPSAC will be meeting up to once per month. Meetings will typically take place between 5-7pm. Are you typically available during these times? Yes No

- 2) City Council is seeking EPSAC members to represent broad stakeholder interests within the city. If you will be participating on the EPSAC as a representative of a business, group, or organization, please provide the name of the business, group, or organization and indicate what stakeholder category the group represents. If more than one, please list all.
 - A. Residents, civic leagues, homeowners associations.
 - B. Institutional and tax exempt entities including colleges and churches.
 - C. Business community including residential, commercial and industrial property owners, malls, and business groups.
 - D. Professional engineers, real estate developers, and construction contractors.
 - E. Special interest groups that represent economic development, environmental or outdoor recreation.
 - F. Others, education professionals from the local schools and city staff

Business, Group, or Organization Name	Category
<u>Example X Homeowners Association</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>neighborhood community in which I reside</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>Friendly City Food Co-op (owner/founder)</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Fairfield Center (family mediator)(volunteer)</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>Valley Playhouse (Board member)(volunteer)</u>	<u>B</u>
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