

Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Tow Board 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: Guinn Jon (Jake) J **Date:** 3/15/2019
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Home Address: 9458 Foxtail Pl McGaheysville, VA 22840 Own/Rent? Own

Phone Number: 540-908-7349 **Alternate Phone:** 540-478-4869

Occupation: Business Owner **Employer/Organization:** 1st Choice Towing & Recovery, Inc.

E-mail: 1stchoiceharrisonburg@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 22 **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: Law Enforcement

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

I have always longed to serve the community in some form or fashion and have been successful in that desire for as long as I can remember. Serving on a board that affects the community will only serve to further that desire. In particular, the board I am applying to serve on has personal meaning to me as it affects the industry for a company that I own.

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

For the position in which I am applying it is pretty simple. I have 9 years in the towing industry followed up by 3 years of business ownership involving towing and recovery. I have volunteered and worked for several agencies in Harrisonburg and around the county/state over the years all of which include community involvement or service. That is to say that not only do I have the experience necessary to aid decision making on the subject matter of this board but also have ever broadening experience gained in other avenues.

Additionally, I believe though I can't really be sure, I am the only owner of a towing company in the area to open up and put themselves out there to the community and those that we affect. What this means is that I am heavily involved with JMU students, their parents, and their frustrations when it comes to towing and work with them to help them understand complex towing policies, fees, practices, etc. when it comes to towing in the area regardless of which company is involved. By performing the aforementioned service of merely talking to people about the industry everyone is able to walk away with a greater understanding of why something occurred. The beauty is that they don't have to agree with it, they just have to understand it, and by understanding it they generate less complaints, are more careful and take more responsibility. All of this is done without the poor practice of competitor bashing. This example here doesn't necessarily fit the current vision of the Tow Board as it relates to the Law Enforcement list only at this time however that type of insight into the customers we serve would be an invaluable asset to the board as it navigates the decision making processes and potential scope expansion of the board later on.

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

My background started in public safety and until just recently, remained that way through a good portion of my professional career. That said, I always have concerns for laws and the way they are written, safety, trust, and integrity.

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

I have not had the opportunity to serve on or partake in any of the examples in this question. However, I have been a volunteer firefighter in Rockingham County for 15 years, 5 of which were spent at the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, and additionally 12 years at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center. These examples are not all volunteer but all involve some level of community involvement whether it be providing a service or taking advantage of a Public Education opportunity.

-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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