

# 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:** Zimmermann Johann **Date:** 09/03/16  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

**Home Address:** 1293 Greystone Street, Harrisonburg, VA **Zip Code:** 22802

**Phone Number:** 540-908-1038 **Alternate Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** Structural Engineer **Employer/Organization:** JZ Engineering

**E-mail:** johann.zimmermann77@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 12 **years.**

**Were you referred by anyone:**  Yes  No **Name of Referring Party:** Friends and Colleagues

**How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission?**  Cable  Website  Council Meeting  
 Other: email from Thanh Dang

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

I have made this city my home. My two children grew up here and went through the public school system. I am invested in the city's welfare and future, being active in social and public causes, as well as working with its residents and businesses through my engineering profession. I see the city growing, expanding, and increasing in complexity with the arrival of new businesses, students, immigrants. I see a need for integrating these new challenges with the existing population, infrastructure and historic richness that this city contains.

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

- I am a licensed professional engineer, and owner and principal of JZ Engineering, PLC.
- My firm offers structural engineering services, as well as consulting for sustainable and energy-efficient construction practices. I specialize in energy efficient structural and building envelopes, vegetated roofs, structures for solar installations.
- I directed the design and construction for Central Valley Habitat for Humanity for seven years. During this time I introduced the Earth Craft House sustainable and energy efficient construction standards to the local Habitat chapter and was instrumental in promoting these standards among local builders.
- As an engineer and builder, I am active and in tune with the issues and needs facing the local building community.

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

- Being fluent in Spanish and French, and having lived in Africa and Central America, I enjoy interacting with the cultural diversity that this city has and feel at home with cultural diversity, which includes that of the traditional population that the city contains. It is crucial that city policy helps provide a link between these groups and I feel I can help provide that.
- I have high environmental interests and seek that the city finds ways to preserve and promote the local beauty of this area. This needs to be obtained by efficient expansion of our infrastructure to all types of transportation so that residents can take full advantage of the city's resources, preservation of our green spaces, and standards that do not degrade the environment.
- As a business owner, I want to see all of our residents employed in meaningful and economic substantive ways. I want the city to set and promote standards that encourage economic growth in all sectors.

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

- Past Central Valley Habitat for Humanity representative to the Shenandoah Valley Builders Association.
- Active in the promotion of the North End Greenway.
- Volunteer at Our Community Place.
- Volunteer with Central Valley Habitat for Humanity
- Member of the Sierra Club and Climate Action Alliance.
- Engaged in the local work of Mennonite Disaster Service.
- Member of Shenandoah Bicycle Coalition.
- Four years as soccer coach for Shenandoah Valley United soccer league.

**-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

<b>Business, Group, or Organization Name</b>	<b>Category</b>
<u>Example X Homeowners Association</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>Professional Engineer</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Climate Action Alliance of the Valley (CAAV)</u>	<u>E</u>
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