

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. Stormwater Advisory Committee

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: Strosnider William T Date: 10/27/2019
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 1060 Lois Lane Apartment D Own/Rent? Rent

Phone Number: 5403369446 Alternate Phone: _____

Occupation: Student Employer/Organization: JMU

E-mail: tylerstrosnider22@gmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 2 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 believe that I will be an asset to the Harrison boards as I was born and raised in Winchester, VA. There, although in the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester presents different issues that I have been able to tackle while in high school. This interest, along with a long record of studying government, would allow me to be key in disucsion. Furthermore, while studying Public Policy and Administration at JMU, being on a local board will allow me to push my academic to its limit and helping serve the community: something that I have always been an interst. Finally, by being apart of Generation Z, I see the world in a unique lense and would be able to give a voice to the younger population in Harrisonburg.

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

While attending high school in Winchester, Virginia, I was able to be the lead chair on a diversity committee aimed at giving equality to all members of the diverse community. I had a tough role of keeping a balanced budget, ensured we were meeting our goals and provide a program that is equally professional and exciting.

During this past summer, I had the opportunity to work at Walmart in Human Resources. There, I did daily reports regarding sales and training deadlines for employees. Furthermore, I did everyday clerical work such as answering phones, send emails and file paperwork. Above all, my role was to hire new employees, and provide answers to over 475 employees, take tough decision for employees not following protocol.

While attending JMU, I have been working with the Center for Civic Engagement on campus. There, we thrive to educate JMU students about local issues, upcoming elections and polarizing issues such as sex trafficking, and how to tackle these issues in our community. I have worked with the Vice Mayor, Sal Romero, to debrief him on local news and establish a social presence in the community. Furthermore, while working in the department, I have been able to do day-to-day operations to help run the office.

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

As a student at JMU, I am equally as interested in the community at large as I am about the "JMU Bubble." Being in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, Harrisonburg must be up to date on relevant laws, environmental protocols and immigration policy in order to receive the unique services this area offers. I am heavily interested in the immigrant community, and ensuring they are providing proper education and respect. I am also interested in education for all students, as this is the key to success for many low income families. As a first generation college student, I wish to ensure that all students receive an utmost diverse and high quality education in order for them to succeed in a global world. Finally, I am interested in the New Urbanism initiative downtown. Without this, there is a high possibility that Harrisonburg would not be able to offer the many services they do due to the increasing economic output from this area. Thus, the New Urbanism revival downtown is an interest to me due to it's versatility and offerings to the rest of the community. These three topics are both interests and concerns to me. These three topics are needed in order for Harrisnburg to thrive, and without them the community would not be where it is today.

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

Intern for Sal Romero

Democracy Fellow at James Madison Center for Civic Engagement

President of the Class of 2018 for John Handley High School in Winchester, VA

-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 Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC) Application

- 1) The SWAC will be meeting up to once per month on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings will typically take place between 5-7pm. Are you available during these times? **Yes**

- 2) City Council is seeking SWAC members to represent broad stakeholder interests within the city. If you will be participating on the SWAC 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.

Business, Group, or Organization Name	Category
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

