

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

- 1. Community Services 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:** Boggs Aaron J **Date:** May 2, 2016  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

**Home Address:** 952 Chestnut Drive, Harrisonburg, VA **Zip Code:** 22801

**Phone Number:** 540-421-2074 **Alternate Phone:** 540-908-5171

**Occupation:** Counselor **Employer/Organization:** Crossroads Counseling Center, Inc

**E-mail:** aboggsy@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 3 **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?

My primary interest is in the mental health needs of my community, thus my interest in the community services board position. I believe that it takes the voluntary interest and work of the citizens of any community to make it a better place. This is the opportunity I have been looking for to get involved in something that is important to me in terms of the specific need as well as give back to my community. Harrisonburg is an amazing place filled with amazing people. I wish to give my gifts to the cause of making it even more amazing.

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

I have been working with children and adults with mental health problems for over 6 years in the field and 3 additional years through my work as a Christian minister prior to that. I will complete a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at JMU in June. I have worked in the educational system through my agency of employment and understand how mental health impacts this portion of the community as well. I have also done some mental health work through James Madison University's Counseling and Psychological Services (JMU CAPS) who serve both students and community members.

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

My spouse is an art teacher and artist in the community. I have, thus, been a supporter of the art community especially in downtown Harrisonburg for the last several years. I am also interested in the ongoing movement to increase accessibility for bicycles and other alternative forms of transportation in Harrisonburg.

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

As I have been in graduate school for much of my adult life, I have not had the opportunity to be involved in the community as much as I would like. I was previously involved with the Broadway/Timberville ministerial group who provided a number of services throughout the community. I was also on the board for the Northern District of the Virginia Mennonite Conference while a minister in the Timberville area.

**-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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