

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

- 1. Economic Development Advisory Committee
- 2. Transportation Safety and Advisory Commission

**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:** Armstrong Zachary Date: 1/15/2016  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

**Home Address:** 584 E. Market Street **Zip Code:** 22801

**Phone Number:** 540-271-7577 **Alternate Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** Marketing Professional **Employer/Organization:** Gravity Group

**E-mail:** zbarmstrong@gmail.com **Harrisonburg resident for** 1 **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: DNR Article

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

I wish to serve on a board so I may serve the wellness of the city. Local government has a very significant effect on the lives of those living under it and can raise up or bring down an area depending on how it is run; it is my goal to use my knowledge of the area, communication skills, ability to work as part of a team, and my education to serve the City of Harrisonburg and aid her in continuing to improve and celebrate what she has been so far.

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

While I am within my first year as a City resident, I have lived in Virginia since 2001, the Shenandoah Valley since 2012, and have been an active member of the Harrisonburg community since 2013.

I have a degree from the College of William and Mary and have worked in business in several facets including arts management (3 years with the American Shakespeare Center), restaurant management, and marketing (my current job with Gravity Group in downtown).

Alongside those qualification, I care deeply about assisting the city as whole - not enabling, not being miserly, but landing in the middle balancing the virtues of responsibility, moderation, and generosity.

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

I have been very connected with several communities in the valley, including the artistic community and the impoverished. I spent a year as a volunteer with CASA for Children, have taught middle school at my church for two years, and have spent many hours assisting the homeless in Staunton and now Harrisonburg, through services such as the Valley Mission and recently Open Doors.

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

My service to Harrisonburg, if accepted, will be my first involvement in government-based community involvement.

**-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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