

# Boards & Commissions Application



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

1. Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Co 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)

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(Last) (First) (M.I.)

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**Occupation:** Academic Administrator **Employer/Organization:** Eastern Mennonite University

**E-mail:** deirdre.smeltzer@emu.edu **Harrisonburg resident for** 18 **years.**

**Were you referred by anyone:** ☒ Yes ☐ No **Name of Referring Party:** several co-workers/acquaintances

**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?

For many years, I have been very involved in church, my work, and at my children's schools. Now that my children are grown, I have more time to extend my formal involvements to the community. Furthermore, in the past year or so, I have attended several City Council meetings. Observing those meetings has convinced me that involvement in activities of the municipal government offer an opportunity to make a positive difference in the world by positively impacting the local community. Harrisonburg has been a wonderful community for my husband and I, and for our daughters as they were growing up.

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

Environmental stewardship has been a personal passion of mine for three decades. However, I now recognize the importance of extending my efforts to reduce negative impacts on the environment beyond my own lifestyle choices; it is essential to examine ways that we can take such steps as a community, working together. Service on the Environmental Performance Standards Advisory Committee would offer me a chance to apply what I've learned through my personal commitment to environmental sustainability in a broader way.

In addition, my service on this committee would provide a natural connection between the city of Harrisonburg and Eastern Mennonite University, where I serve as Vice President & Undergraduate Academic Dean. EMU has recently launched a Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, and I am EMU's administrative representative to the center's oversight board.

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

In general, taking steps to mitigate negative effects of climate change is an urgent matter that all communities must address. Furthermore, this need overlaps with others; for example, negative effects of climate change tend to most adversely impact those who are most vulnerable. In the Harrisonburg community specifically, I have some concern about whether single stream recycling is working as intended.

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

For several years, I was the minutes-taker for the Friendly City Food Coop board.

I have always been an active member of a local church. My formal and informal roles within each congregation have included some community activities. Currently, I am a member of Park View Mennonite Church, where I have taught Sunday School, served as worship leader, organized fellowship activities, and provided music. Previously, my family and I attended Immanuel Mennonite Church, where I served as congregational chair, chair of the fellowship/nurture commission, and started the children's worship experience.

I have also been involved in the Parent-Teacher Council for my children's schools.

**-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

Business, Group, or Organization Name	Category
<u>Example X Homeowners Association</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>EMU</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>Sustainable Climate Solutions</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>Harrisonburg City Resident</u>	
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