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Applicants Sought for Bluffton Town Council Appointed Committees

Bluffton Town Council is seeking qualified applicants for appointment to its boards, commissions and committees.

The most immediate need for new appointees exists on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Commission and the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee has one vacancy for a representative of the lodging industry, the Historic Preservation Commission has two opening for a resident or business owner in the Historic District and the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals has one vacancy for an electrical contractor.

The Town welcomes applications for all boards, committees and commissions regardless of current vacancies. Though qualifications for appointment may vary for each board, committee or commission, most appointments require residency within the Town of Bluffton. Applications are kept on file for two years and there are vacancies which occur throughout the year. Applicants will be considered for any vacancies for which they may qualify that occur during the time their application is on file.

A full list of the Town's boards, commissions and committees with a detailed description of their qualifications for appointment, duties and responsibilities are listed on the Town's website. The Town's website is (www.townofbluffton.sc.gov). Under the "Government" Tab, click on the Boards, Commissions and Committees page. The direct link to this page is:

<https://www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/boards-commissions-and-committees>

Descriptions and requirements for each committee which currently have vacancies are also below.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee:

The seven (7) member Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee is required to advise Town Council on the distribution and expenditure of accommodations tax revenue for municipalities receiving over \$50,000 per the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 6-4-25(A) known as the Accommodations Tax Act. The majority of members must represent the hospitality industry, including two (2) from the lodging industry and at least one from a Cultural Organization. Accommodations Tax Grant Applications requesting funds are due by the last day of each quarter. The Committee meetings are set within 45 days after the quarter end and the committee recommendations are presented at the next Bluffton Town Council meeting. The committee is seeking a representative of the lodging industry for its vacancy.

Historic Preservation Commission:

The seven (7) member Historic Preservation Commission is required to maintain the Old Bluffton Historic District National Register status, administer the District's architectural regulations for new construction and renovations of existing structures and determine appeals from administrative decisions of the Unified Development Ordinance. The Commission also administers regulations for the District per the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, Section 6-29-780(a). The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. There are currently two openings on this commission. Applicants should live or own a business in Bluffton's Historic District and be registered to vote.

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The nine (9) member Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals is required to hear and decide appeals of orders, decision, or determinations of the Building Official per the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 6-9-10(A). The Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise notified. The Board is seeking an electrical contractor to fill the vacancy.

Applications should be submitted to the Town Clerk, Kim Chapman, via email to townclerk@townofbluffton.com. Alternatively, applications may also be submitted by mailing to the following address: Town Clerk, Town of Bluffton, P.O. Box 386, Bluffton, SC 29910. For further information, please contact Kim Chapman via email or (office): 843.706.4505.

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