

NEWS RELEASE
Fairfield City Council
January 31, 2012

**DEADLINE EXTENTION ANNOUNCED FOR
FAIRFIELD BOARD & COMMISSION OPENINGS**

Fairfield City Council has extended the application deadline for Fairfield residents who are interested in serving on the various boards and commissions of the City of Fairfield. **The new application deadline is Friday, February 17.**

Effective April 1, 2012, the following positions will be open for appointment:

BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Three (3) positions available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. The term of office for members of the Board of Building Appeals is four years. To the extent feasible, applicants shall be appointed from one of the following trades: Registered Mechanical Engineer, Master Electrician, or Attorney at Law.

The Board of Building Appeals hears appeals by any interested party aggrieved by the Building Superintendent's denial of a building or occupancy permit based on the requirements of the Building Code.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

One (1) position available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. The term of office for members of the Board of Zoning Appeals is five (5) years.

The Board of Zoning Appeals hears appeals from zoning decisions and has the authority to grant zoning variances.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

One (1) position available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. Three members serve on this Commission and according to the Charter, not more than two members shall be registered to vote in a primary election of the same political party. The term of office for members of the Civil Service Commission is three (3) years.

The Civil Service Commission of the City shall administer the Civil Service provisions of the general laws of Ohio for the classified employees of the City and school district.

CULTURAL ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Four (4) positions available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. The term of office for three of the positions is three years. One resident will be appointed to fill a position with a term expiring on March 31, 2013.

The Cultural Arts Advisory Commission serves as an advisory group to the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board, dedicated to the promotion of cultural arts activities within the City of Fairfield. The CAAC assists in informing the public of arts activities, the solicitation of available grants for arts programming, and exploring cultural arts opportunities for the City of Fairfield.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

One (1) position available – At-Large Seat. The term of office for seats on the Design Review Committee is two (2) years.

The purpose of the Downtown District is to provide for a high quality, secure, visually interesting, architecturally integrated, comfortable and convenient environment that can attract a high volume of pedestrian activity in a strong cultural, institution, office and commercial presence. The Design Review Committee reviews plans that are submitted in the Downtown District to assure that objectives of the City's Design Guidelines are achieved.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Four (4) positions available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. The term of office for three of these positions is three years. One (1) resident will be appointed to fill a position with term expiring on March 31, 2013.

The Environmental Commission serves as an advisory body to the City of Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board for the purpose of promoting Environmental Stewardship and the conservation of natural resources and maintaining and increasing the amount of tree cover on public and private land in Fairfield by coordinating, initiating and publicizing activities that affect the community forest.

FAIR HOUSING BOARD

Two (2) positions available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. The term of office for these positions is three years.

Some of the duties of the Fair Housing Board are: investigation of complaints of unlawful housing practices, the resolution of complaints, conduct hearings on matters under investigation, to render written reports of its activities and recommendations to City Council, to recommend when necessary educational and other programs designed to promote the purposes stated under Fair Housing regulations.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Two (2) positions available—the Second Ward and At-Large Seats. The term of office for seats on the Parks & Recreation Board is three (3) years.

Some of the duties of the Parks and Recreation Board are: determine programs and activities of the City regarding parks and recreation, authorization of monies and the awarding of contracts for the operation and maintenance of the City's parks and recreation programs, the adoption of rules and regulations and systems of streets, boulevards, or parkways as the Board believe to be in the best interest of the efficient and orderly use and operation of the City's parks and recreation areas.

General Information

All positions on Fairfield's boards and commissions are non-compensated volunteer positions. City of Fairfield residents interested in applying can obtain an application in the Clerk of Council's office at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue, or applications can be downloaded and submitted at www.fairfield-city.org. The application deadline is February 17, 2012.

Questions regarding Fairfield's boards and commissions should be directed to the Clerk of Council, 867-5383.

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