



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
Fairfield City Council
January 14, 2014

UPDATED - FAIRFIELD ANNOUNCES 2014 BOARD & COMMISSION OPENINGS

Fairfield City Council is accepting applications from residents who are interested in serving on the various boards and commissions of the City of Fairfield. Effective April 1, 2014, the following positions will be open for appointment:

BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Four (4) positions available. Applicants must be from one of the following trades: Registered Mechanical Engineer, Master Electrician, or Attorney at Law. The term of office for members of the Board of Building Appeals is three (3) years.

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

Two (2) positions 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.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Seven (7) positions available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. The term of office for members of the Charter Review Commission is two (2) years. Residents serve until reappointed or replaced.

The Charter Review Commission receives input from the public regarding the Charter and its provisions and makes recommendations to the Council for revisions or amendments to the Charter.

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

Three (3) positions available. Applicants must reside in the City of Fairfield. The term of office for three of the positions is three years.

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

Three (3) positions available – Northwest Quadrant, Southwest Quadrant and At-Large. 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.

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 seat and the third ward seat. 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION

One (1) position available – the third ward seat. The term of office for seats on the Planning Commission is four (4) years.

Some of the duties of the Planning Commission are: Authorization of plans and maps, development of and modifications to the comprehensive plan, location and character of public utilities, the use of land and the zoning thereof, subdivision and other land development regulations, and development, redevelopment and renewal of the City.

WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMISSION

Three (3) to Five (5) positions available. The Commission membership can only have 2/3 of its members from one political party.

The purpose of the Commission is to review the 4 City wards to determine if they have substantially equal population in each ward. The Commission makes a recommendation to Council for their review and adoption. This Commission is created every 5 years and typically meets for 2-3 months starting in April.

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 at www.fairfield-city.org. The application deadline is February 14, 2014.

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

Alisha Wilson
Clerk of Council
City of Fairfield