Town of Black Mountain Advisory Board and Commission Application

Thank you for your interest in being a member of the Town of Black Mountain's Advisory Boards & Commissions. To ensure that your application will receive full consideration, please answer all questions completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please note this application is a public record upon submittal per N.C.G.S. Chapter 132.-1. Submitted applications will be kept on file for a period of twelve months.

For more information about each board/commission, visit Town of Black Mountain Advisory Boards & Commissions Webpage

Name

Jeremy
First

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Last

Do you live inside the Incorporated Town (City) Limits of Black Mountain?

⊙ Yes ○ No

*if you are unsure, please contact the Town Clerk's office via town.clerk@tobm.org or 828-419-9300. Some boards & commissions require that members must reside within the Black Mountain Town Limits to be eligible.

Physical Address

1 Western View Street
Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Black Mountain
City

North Carolina
State

28711
Zip Code

Mailing Address (if different than above)

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Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Black Mountain
City

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State

28711
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Primary Email

thejeremyclaeys@gmail.com

This is the primary method of communicating with board/commission members and will be how you will receive agendas and meeting notifications.

Primary Phone

(863) 738-0910

Other Phone (if applicable)

Are you seeking reappointment?
○ Yes ◉ No

Please select the Board or Commission you wish to apply for (or seeking reappointment to).

☐ ABC Board
☑ Active Mobility Commission
☐ Board of Adjustment
☐ Historic Preservation Commission
☐ Planning Board
☐ Recreation Commission
☐ Black Mountain Library Maintenance Board*
☐ MSD (Metropolitan Sewerage District Board)**

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**The Black Mountain Library Maintenance Board is a volunteer board established to assist the Town in fulfilling its responsibilities to support & maintain the physical condition of the Library facility and management of both minor/major maintenance for Library.*

***The MSD Board is a non-Town body of which Council Members may appoint a member from its own membership or appoint a Town resident. Currently, the Town of Black Mountain has one (1) seat on this board which does not expire until January 2027. Reference MSD Board of Directors Website.*

If you are seeking a new appointment, you may apply for more than one advisory board or commission. However, an applicant will only be appointed for one board or commission seat, not multiple seats. The Library Board is exempt from this rule.

Primary Preference

Active Mobility Commission

If you selected multiple boards or commissions that you are interested in, please indicate your preferred primary choice in the dropdown menu.

Secondary Preference

Recreation Commission

If you selected multiple boards or commissions that you are interested in, please indicate your secondary choice in the dropdown menu.

Please list any relevant experience related to the board/commission you are applying for and any prior (or current) civic involvement.

I've spent over a decade in operations and project management roles, with a strong focus on sustainability, resource efficiency, and long-term planning. My professional experience has taught me the value of thoughtful infrastructure and how small improvements can lead to meaningful community impact.

Civically, I served in AmeriCorps, where I gained firsthand experience in community-based service and collaboration. More recently, I've been an active resident advocating for safer, more connected pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in my neighborhood. My goal is to help Black Mountain become a model for small-town active mobility. Where residents of all ages can move safely and easily, and where infrastructure supports health, sustainability, and quality of life.

Why do you wish to serve (or continue serving) the Town in this capacity as a Board or

Commission member?

I would like to serve to help make Black Mountain a more connected, safer place for all its residents. What drew me to move here and start a family was the town's accessibility to nature and its small town charm. I believe our streets and green spaces should reflect the values of our community: welcoming, safe, and oriented toward people, not just cars. I'd love to be part of the effort to make active mobility more practical and enjoyable for everyone, from kids biking to school to seniors walking to the park.

Experience, Education, Certifications

BS of Environmental Science and Geography from Florida State University; Small business owner/operator

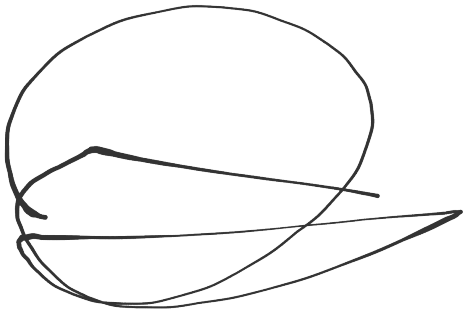
Please provide any educational, certifications or experience that you could bring to this Board/Commission.

Optional- Please provide any other helpful information you'd like to share about your intentions to serve as a Board/Commission member.

As an avid walker, runner, cyclist, and "baby taxi," I often feel let down by the lack of safe, connected pedestrian infrastructure, especially outside the downtown core. Living south of I-40 off Route 9, I regularly encounter sidewalks that lead nowhere, missing crosswalks, and intersections that are unsafe for people on foot or bike. As a parent, I want to help shape a future where families can confidently choose active transportation and where Black Mountain isn't just a great place to visit, but a town families want to call home because it's healthy, safe, and accessible every day.

☑ I understand that by submitting this application it becomes a public record per N.C.G.S. Chapter 132-1.

Signature



Date

6/30/2025

By providing your signature, you confirm the information provided is correct and you agree to all information contained within this application.

Please read this information below for next steps in the appointment process and general information.

- Applications will be compiled and presented to the Town Council for consideration of appointment at an upcoming meeting. Typically this will occur at the July Council meeting for annual appointments, but if resignations occur, the Council may consider appointments at other times during the year. Submitted applications will remain on file for a period of one (1) year.

- Individuals selected for appointment by the Town Council will assume their position once they are duly sworn in. The Town Clerk will contact you to make arrangements for swearing in upon appointment. If you are being reappointed to another term, you will also need to be sworn in.
- **Some Boards & Commissions require that members must reside within the Black Mountain Town Limits to be eligible to serve.** Exceptions to the above statement may exist for some boards, and for purposes of regional memberships.
- All Town of Black Mountain Advisory Board and Commission members must operate under the following policies set forth by the Town Council and are included in the 'Handbook for Advisory Board, Commission & Committee Members' last adopted by Town Council on November 4, 2019.
    - ***1) Code of Ethics***
    - ***2) Attendance Policy***
    - ***3) Policies & Procedures for Administering Boards and Commissions.***
- Each appointed member will be provided the current Handbook for Advisory Board, Commission & Committee Members, and must indicate they have received and will abide by said material by signing an acknowledgement form, which will be kept on file by the Town Clerk's office for the duration of their term.
- For any application or appointment questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office via: town.clerk@tobm.org, or 828-419-9310.