Town of Black Mountain
Advisory Board and Commission Application

Thank you for your interest in the Town of Black Mountain's Advisory Boards & Commissions. To ensure that your application will receive full consideration, please submit a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please note this application is a public record upon submittal per N.C.G.S. Chapter 132.-1. If you prefer to fill an application out online, visit: https://www.townofblackmountain.org/154/Boards-Commissions or scan QR code.

SCAN ME

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: *_Mary __* ***Last Name:*** *__Hall_____*

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Address: ***___545 Sweet Birch Park Lane***

City: Black Mountain_____ State: _NC_____ Zip: _28711

MAILING ADDRESS *(if different than above)*:

Address: _____

City: _____ ***State:*** _____ ***Zip:*** _____

Do you live inside the Town Limits of Black Mountain? Yes__X___ No _____ I've sent an email to the town clerk to verify this.

**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. Some exceptions may apply.*

EMAIL ADDRESS: ___maryehall@maryehall.com_____
(This is the preferred communication method for advisory board/commission members)

PHONE NUMBER: Main (704) 877-2597_____ **Other** (_____) _____

Are you seeking re-appointment? Yes ____ No __x__

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION PREFERENCE

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

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

- If you are seeking a new appointment, you may apply for more than one board or commission. However, an applicant will only be appointed for one board or commission seat, not multiple seats.
- For more information about each board/commission, visit Town of Black Mountain Advisory Boards & Commissions Page at https://www.townofblackmountain.org/154/Boards-Commissions.
- *The Black Mountain Library Maintenance Board is a volunteer board established to assist the Town in fulfilling its responsibilities to support and maintain the physical condition of the Library facility & management of both minor/major maintenance for the 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, https://www.msdbc.org

PRIMARY & SECONDARY BOARD/COMMISSION PREFERENCES:

If you selected multiple boards or commissions that you are interested in, please indicate your preferred primary board/commission choice: ___Board of Adjustment_____, and secondary board/commission choice: __Planning Board_____.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Please list any relevant experience related to the board/commission you are applying for and any prior (or current) civic involvement. *Please use additional sheet if necessary* -

Please see attached - I have no local government experience but have significant volunteer and professional experience.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Why do you wish to serve (or continue serving) the Town in this capacity as a Board or Commission member? *Please use additional sheet if necessary.*

Serving in a volunteer or civic capacity has been part of my life experience since my teenage years. My husband and I moved from Fairview to Black Mountain in 2024 because we see Black Mountain as a fully functioning town with everything we need to live comfortably and safely for the remainder of our lives. We absolutely love living here. While we're recent residents, we've been coming to Black Mountain for 4 decades through our association with YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly (where my husband is also an eight year employee) as well as being area residents for the past 15 years. In addition to the specific experiences I mention in my attachment that I believe are directly applicable to the two boards I'm applying for, I am also a CPA and currently the AVC Finance for UNCA, having served in this role for over 11 years.

I have a unique set of skills and experiences, a curious and engaged mind, a collaborative spirit, and a servant heart. I'd like to lend my talents to serving the Town I call home.

EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS

Please provide any educational, certifications or experience that you could bring to this Board or Commission. *Please use additional sheet if necessary.*

Please see attached. I am also a CPA.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any other helpful information you'd like to share about your intentions to serve as a Board/Commission member. *Please use additional sheet if necessary.*

My intention would be to serve the Town as a whole. My professional and personal experiences are such that I am competent in both big picture matters with an ability to know when to dig into the details. I'm practiced at looking around the corner for what's coming, anticipating needs, and connecting the dots - many times when the connections are not obvious.

Before signing 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. Any exceptions will be

made on a case-by-case basis. If an appointed member moves out of the town limits during their term, they must immediately inform the staff liaison, or the Town Clerk.

- 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 with 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.

SIGNATURE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By providing your signature, you confirm the information provided is correct and you agree to all information contained within this application. You also agree that by submitting this application it becomes a public record per N.C.G.S. Chapter 132-1.

Mary E Hall _____ 07/17/25

Applicant Signature ***Date***

Submitted applications will be kept on file for a period of one (1) year in the Town Clerk's office. Thank you for your interest!

Please return the completed application to the Town Clerk by the following methods:

- Via email: town.clerk@tobm.org
- Drop off at Town Hall, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, 160 Midland Ave.
- USPS Mail: Attn: Town Clerk, 160 Midland Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Town of Black Mountain
160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711
Phone (828) 419-9300 Fax (828) 669-4204
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Application revised 05.19.2025

Attachment to Town of Black Mountain Advisory Board and Commission Application for Mary E. Hall

Relevant Professional Experience:

From 1988 – 2014 – CPA specializing in commercial real estate clients (E&Y), Commercial real estate asset management (MetLife real estate investments), commercial real estate lending portfolio manager (MetLife real estate investments), commercial real estate credit officer and senior credit officer – (BB&T – now Truist, Asheville Savings Bank – Now First Bank). Size of credits/transactions/portfolio ranged from $1 million to +$100 million assets and loans over my career which included residential development and builder loans anywhere from 10 lots to hundreds of lots. In addition, I also negotiated loan workouts for commercial clients. I also taught commercial real estate underwriting for BB&T for 8 years.

Related Volunteer Experience:

Huntersville, NC – Monteith Park HOA – I was on the HOA board of this 500 lot subdivision that had approximately 150 lots in various stages of development when the 2008 financial crisis hit. The original developer and builder sold the lots to a national builder whose quality of construction relative to the existing homes was a concern for the homeowners. Given my experience with development and builders, I was the point person for negotiating with the new builder/developer on behalf of the HOA. Along with my fellow board members, we were able to ensure that the community maintained a consistent building standard for the remaining lots and also provided regular and consistent communication with the existing homeowners regarding the new builder. This effort required significant time and effort but resulted in a seamless transition with the new builder and preservation of community character and home values.

Huntersville, NC – Monteith Park HOA – The development had a stream running through it with walking trails and recreational areas around it. The HOA was approached to enter into a stream restoration agreement from a private entity with a payment amount to the HOA of $10,000. I led a subcommittee of homeowners and was the point person with the stream restoration firm. After significant due diligence around these types of agreements, we were successful in negotiating a $150,000 payment. This was very helpful to the HOA as the development was still relatively young and needed to establish capital reserves.