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

Michael
First

Churchman
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

1124 BLUEVIEW DR
Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Black Mountain
City

North Carolina
State

28711
Zip Code

Mailing Address (if different than above)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Primary Email

mjchurchman@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

(205) 999-5328

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
☑ Planning Board
☐ Active Mobility Commission
☐ Recreation Commission
☐ Board of Adjustment
☐ Black Mountain Library Maintenance Board*
☐ Historic Preservation Commission
☐ 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

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

Secondary Preference

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.

Before moving to Black Mountain 3 years ago, I served on the Environmental Commission in Homewood, Alabama. I served on the Commission for 3 years and served as Chair for my last year. I have also been involved in specialty construction for the last 9 years, installing Solar systems. I learned construction trades, electrical trades, and worked on creating plan sets, applying for permits from the local AHJ's, and represented my company at inspections. I have been very interested in planning and zoning in the past and feel that my professional experience and interests will qualify me to serve on the Planning Board for Town of Black Mountain.

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

I have been civic-minded for at least 16 years and have attended Council and Board meetings over the years. I have spoken at these meetings when it was something I wanted to share and feel a civic obligation to be involved. While on the Environmental Commission in Homewood, AL, I helped update a Tree Ordinance that combined several pre-existing ordinances and combined into one streamlined experience. With my professional experience and understanding of codes and enforcement needs, I believe I will be able to assist the planning board to carry out it's duties.

Experience, Education, Certifications

I have OSHA 10 certification and have served as Safety Officer for my previous company. I also hold a PV Associate Certification from the National Association of Board Certified Energy Professionals. I have a Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited institution. I participated in local civic duties like public hearings, stream cleanups, and tree-inventory and tree-planting activities.

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.

I am an inquisitive person and interested in planning the future for the Town of Black Mountain that I have come to love since moving here at the beginning of 2022. With so many people moving to the area, I feel it is very important to make sure we have guidance in place to preserve and protect our Town as well as prepare us for the future.

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

Signature

Date

6/26/2025

Michael J Churchman

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.