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Burke County Appointment Application for Boards and Committees

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Occupation	Burke County Public Schools (Substitute Teacher)/Self Employed
Retired From	U.S. Army
How did you hear about this opportunity?	Friend
Are you currently serving on a county board or committee?	No

If so, please identify the board or committee.	*Field not completed.*
Please indicate any community interests and activities that you are involved in.	I am actively involved in several local community efforts, including volunteer work with Burke United Christian Ministries and the Drexel Museum. I also participate in various local initiatives that support the town's growth, well-being and overall quality of life.
Do you reside in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, which is generally a 1 to 3-mile perimeter outside the city limits?	No

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List in order of preference the board and/or committee(s) on which you would like to serve.

First Choice	Veterans Service Board
Second Choice	Burke Co. Board of Adjustment
Third Choice	Burke Co. Planning Board

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Most board or committee seats have no special requirement other than being a citizen of Burke County. Do you have special criteria that you would like to be considered for this appointment?	I bring 25 years of U.S. Army service and leadership experience, having worked alongside people of all backgrounds, ages and perspectives. I have also successfully pivoted from military service to becoming a business entrepreneur, further strengthening my adaptability, problem-solving skills, and practical understanding of community needs. These qualities would add meaningful value to this appointment.
Describe why you are interested in serving on a board or committee. What goals and objectives do you have?	I am interested in serving on a board or committee because I believe strongly in contributing to my community with integrity, accountability and a commitment to meaningful action. When I see a need, whether it involves solving a problem, improving a process, or simply offering support, I'm driven to step forward and help. My goal is to bring that same proactive mindset to this

	role, working collaboratively to strengthen our community and support its long-term growth and well-being.
Are you willing to attend board or committee meetings on a regular basis and comply with Article IV, Section 2-92 - Attendance, of the Burke County Code of Ordinances?	Yes
Please disclose any business or personal relationships that may be considered a conflict of interest if selected to serve on a board or committee.	I do not have any business or personal relationships that would create a conflict of interest in serving on this board or committee. Although I am a small business owner, my business does not stand to benefit from or be influenced by the decisions or actions of this board. If any potential conflict were ever to arise, I would fully disclose it and recuse myself as appropriate.
Optional Remarks	My 25 years of military service have developed my leadership, disciplined judgment and ability to evaluate complex situations—qualities essential for effective decision-making on the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, or the Veterans Service Board. Combined with my experience as a successful business entrepreneur, I bring practical insight into community growth, development, and responsible planning, as well as a deep understanding of the needs and experiences of our veteran community. These skills position me as a strong, well-rounded candidate capable of contributing thoughtfully, objectively and purposefully across these boards.
Optional - Click here to upload supporting documentation that you wish to be reviewed alongside your application.	*Field not completed.*

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