TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN
APPLICATION TO FILL VACANT TOWN COUNCIL SEAT

Appointment Period: Through December 2028

Application Deadline: Friday, July 10, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Scheduled Appointment Date: July 13, 2026 Regular Monthly Council Meeting*

Applicant Information

Legal First Name: Cheryl Legal Last Name: Milton

Residential Address: 202 Mountain St

City: Blk Mtn State: NC Zip Code: 28711

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Primary Phone: 828-674-9863

Other Phone: _____

Email Address: Bullmilt@aol.com

Eligibility (Check Yes or No)

1. Are you a registered voter in Buncombe County? ☒Yes ☐ No
2. Do you live within the municipal limits of Black Mountain? ☒Yes ☐ No
3. Are you 21 years of age or older? ☒Yes ☐ No

Application Questions

1. What motivates you to serve as a member of the Black Mountain Town Council?

I have experience running multiple businesses as well as having worked in Mission Hospital, each having mid to large budgets with heavy expenditures. I have for decades been involved each election cycle with different canidates campaigns and have followed our town budgets and voting practices for many years

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2. Describe any relevant experience you may have and why you should be selected to fill this vacancy?

I served as the chair of the ZBA for 6 years and was always able to put my personal feelings aside and vote only using the laws we were instructed to follow. I feel I have a lot to add as a council member remembering that we to serve the citizens and not have a personal agenda to make happen

3. Describe your understanding of the Council-Manager form of government.

Council Town mgr form of government mean strong mgr and weak council. Mgr does all hiring other than town atty and themselves so as a council member you cannot force the mgr to hire or fire anyone

4. What are the most important elements in developing a municipal budget?

A budget has to be balanced each year and do the best at meeting the needs of the town departments without putting too much strain on the citizens. Each expenditure has to be looked at carefully and weighed as to its importance

5. How would you ensure all voices in the community are represented?

Communication with the citizens and making yourself available to them. Holding quarterly town hall meeting where anyone can come and at least be heard

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Certification

I certify that the information provided is true and complete. I further understand that if appointed, I will abide by the local governing board's code of ethics and rules of procedure, https://tinyurl.com/tobmethics, which is pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-86.

Signature: Cheryl Lewis Milton _____ **Date:** _____

Submission Information

To be considered for appointment at the July 13, 2026 Council meeting, applications must be received by Town Clerk Wesley Barker **by 12:00 pm on Friday, July 10, 2026** in the following ways:

1) In person at Town Hall, 160 Midland Ave., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2) Via email: wesley.barker@tobm.org and/or town.clerk@tobm.org

3) Via USPS: Town of Black Mountain, Attn: Town Clerk, 160 Midland Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711

Contact Information for Questions:
Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk
160 Midland Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711
(828) 419-9310
wesley.barker@tobm.org, or town.clerk@tobm.org

**Town Council will review the applications and will vote via ballot method at the beginning of the July 13, 2026 regular monthly Town Council meeting, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Black Mountain Town Hall. At that time, following the ballot voting, the Council will formally vote to appoint the member to the Council, and they will subsequently be sworn in and participate in that meeting, if in attendance.*