# 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**
Kristie Bergna

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

**Physical Address**
37 Winding Poplar Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

**Mailing Address (if different than above)**
37 Winding Poplar Road, Black Mountain, North Carolina 95616

**Primary Email**
kbergna@gmail.com

**Primary Phone**
(707) 291-7805

**Other Phone (if applicable)**

**Are you seeking reappointment?**
Yes

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

**Primary Preference** **Secondary Preference**

**Please list any relevant experience related to the board/commission you are applying for and any prior (or current) civic involvement.**
I worked in environmental engineering with a specific love for redesigning commercial and industrial areas to both serve their intended purpose and also be an outdoor space that employees could enjoy. Some projects I oversaw were: creating and designing a one mile nature trail around an industrial complex, an industrial wastewater cleaning system for water reuse in crop irrigation, and creating dry creek beds with native species plantings for stormwater management thus reducing erosion and sediment traveling into public waterways. I specifically enjoyed getting employees out in nature, involved in these projects, and excited for protecting the land around them.

I have also served on the AMC board for the past three years and volunteer with Bounty and Soul.

**Why do you wish to serve (or continue serving) the Town in this capacity as a Board or Commission member?**
Due to a degenerative eye disease I have limited vision and know first hand how important having non motorized pathways, sidewalks, etc is to people of different abilities. I want our town to be accessible and welcoming to as many people as possible; ranging from those with disabilities, to families with strollers, pet owners, elderly, and everyone in between. In the past three years I've enjoyed problem solving with the AMC in finding creative solutions to connectivity issues around town.

**Experience, Education, Certifications**
B.A. Art History, Minor Exercise Physiology University of California, Davis 2008
Active Mobility Commission Member August 2023 - Current

**Optional- Please provide any other helpful information you'd like to share about your intentions to serve as a Board/Commission member.**
As I said previously, I also deal with limited mobility due to vision impairment. This means that I have a keen eye (haha, pun intended) for ways to make accessibility broader. I'm able to notice things that those without impairment may not have needed to think about. This allows me to predict issues from the start rather than addressing issues as they arise. If issues do arise, I'm very open to asking the person needing assistance for suggestions and fully understanding the scope of why something is difficult for them. I believe you can only truly know from your own experience, but the best way of helping others and learning about their lived experience is to fully listen and engage with what they are expressing.

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

**Signature** **Date**
6/20/2026



**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.