TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN
APPLICATION TO FILL VACANT TOWN COUNCIL SEAT

Appointment Period: Through December 2026

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Appointment Date: May 11, 2026 Regular Monthly Council Meeting*

Applicant Information

Legal First Name: Amanda Legal Last Name: Carter

Residential Address: 1018 Montreat Road Apt. 2

City: Black Mountain State: NC Zip Code: 28711

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Primary Phone: 828-713-7974

Other Phone: _____

Email Address: Ms_MandieCarter@icloud.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 a desire to become even more involved in the happenings of our beautiful town, that I am so very passionate about. Recently, in my endeavor to save the "Suntrust Maple Tree", I interacted with many members of Town Council, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, as well as the Planning and Development Department. While my campaign to save the maple tree ultimately failed, it was not without small victories including the $30,000 Circle K donated to causes I suggested. (These funds have been used to completely overhaul our downtown street trees as well as to further the mission of the Swannnanoa Valley Tree Alliance. I commissioned three local artist to make several pieces of art from the tree trunk I took possession of after its death, that will be placed in the Museum of Art in the coming year.) In my endeavor to save the tree, I became painfully aware that had I been more previously involved in our town's government, perhaps I could have been more prepared and able to fight a better fight. I'm a person who speaks and moves with passion, and with honesty. I enjoy being of service to my community and I would very much like to be someone who does this in a more official manner.

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

I currently volunteer for the Beautification Committee and the Greenway and Trails Committee. I am a person who learns by doing, and while I know little of being a member of Town Council, or being a person who oversees town matters to the capacity this position would require I can assure you I would work very diligently to fill this role well.

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

I know the Town Council is accountable to its public. The council members are the towns decision makers influences by public demand. It works to pass and assist to enforce ordinance needs. It works to develop a budget, fair and manageable to and for its public. I also know and understand the Town Council focuses on the community's goals. It works to manage our major projects, namely long-term considerations for community growth and land use development.

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

I have a background in accounting, which I suppose is helpful in understanding budget development, though my experience is with small businesses, not municipal branches. In my accounting career I have sat through many budget developments, revisions, and review meetings. I know that important things to consider along the way are income sources, and potential income sources, fixed and variable expenses, savings and saving goals as well as the oh so necessary emergency funds. Honest and uncomfortable conversations must occur, frequently, regarding necessary spending and unnecessary spending. Most importantly I think when discussing monies, egos must be checked at the door.

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

I think this is accomplished by presence, involvement and communication. I consider myself pretty good at all three. I'm involved in the schools because I have daughters in the school system. When my daughters were younger I assisted in the classrooms and helped as a member of the PTA. I maintain many of these connections today. I was a volunteer for the parks and recreation swim league as my daughters we all swimmers, and I maintain many of these connections today. I work at a local restaurant and have relationships with many of our town's business owners and hospitality workers. I'm involved in the Beautification Committee as well as the Greenways and Trails Committee. I also do service work for our local twelve step meetings. In my tree saving efforts, I was able to connect with many officials in our town and I maintain those relationships today. I am present, engaged and involved inn our community to the very best of my ability. So much so that over the years I have had the joy and pleasure of developing and maintaining so many relationships in our town with so many different members of our community. I know I would be able to being that "hands across the isle" "we're all one" community mindset with me to a seat on Town Council.

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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: _____ **Date:** 04-27-2026

Submission Information

Submit applications to Town Clerk Wesley Barker by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 6th, 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 May 11th, 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.*