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: Lawrence Legal Last Name: Lytle

Residential Address: 57 Laurel Lane

City: Black Mountain State: NC Zip Code: 28711

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Primary Phone: 912-677-9685

Other Phone: _____

Email Address: lytle82@gmail.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?

To be a voice for all residents in Black Mountain. To be able address concerns of every citizen in Black Mountain. To lead and establish policies that will ultimately make the town successful in future endeavors.

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

I have a Masters Degree in Public Administration. My current employment is related to contract management. I have also recently completed the Town of Black Mountain 2025 Citizen Academy.

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

Administrative Responsibility and authority relied upon a Town Manager; with legislative and policy decisions given to the Town Council.

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

Understanding all revenue sources and expenditures within the General Fund. All municipalities in NC adopts its budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. Another integral part of developing the budget is public input - what does the citizens view as their major concerns and development for the town.

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

Being open to hear all concerns whether through emails or Town Hall meetings, Addressing the public as a cohesive unit (Town Council). Ensuring that the Council reviews the concerns of it's citizens and provides an appropriate response within the designated timeframe.

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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: Lauren W. Lytle **Date:** 5/6/2026

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.*