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: MICHAEL Legal Last Name: ROBERTS

Residential Address: 132 FAIRWAY DR

City: BLACK MOUNTAIN State: NC Zip Code: 28711

Mailing Address (if different): SAME

Primary Phone: 828-989-3407

Other Phone: 828-669-5969

Email Address: MICHAEL@EPICCYCLESNC.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 LOVE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. SPENDING MOST OF MY LIFE HERE, I HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT PROBLEMS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY. AS A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER I WANT TO SEE THE TOWN SUCCEED AND GROW. I BELIEVE I CAN HELP AND MAKE BLACK MOUNTAIN STRONGER AND A EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

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

I HAVE FOUNDED, AND RAN, SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES, ADDITIONALLY I SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR LAKEWOOD CHURCH AND THE BOARD FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ALL OF MY LIFE I HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THIS TYPE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.

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

THE COUNCIL IS THE PART OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT IMPLEMENTS TOWN POLICIES, MANAGES LOCAL TAX RATES, AND PROVIDES/APPROVES THE BUDGET. THE MANAGER USES THE BUDGET ETC. TO POSITIVELY MANAGE AND RUN THE TOWN EFFECTIVELY. HE DECIDES WHAT PROJECTS, CHANGES, ETC. GET DONE.

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

TRANSPARENCY IS FIRST. ALWAYS BE OPEN ABOUT REASONS AND ACTIONS. THE BUDGET NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE BIGGEST ISSUES IN THE TOWN AND APPLY THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO ACCOMPLISH THEM WITHOUT NEGLECTING THE OTHER ISSUES. I FIND ASKING MYSELF TO IDENTIFY THE ISSUES AS "NEEDS" OR "WANTS" WORKS WELL.

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

LISTEN. WHEN PEOPLE TALK, BE QUIET AND LISTEN. BEING ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY ALLOWS YOU TO HEAR IDEAS FROM ALL PEOPLE AND ALL SIDES. ATTEND FUNCTIONS, ATTEND EVENTS, READ WHAT ISSUES PEOPLE ARE WRITING ABOUT.

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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:** May 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.*