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: Sharon Legal Last Name: Tabor

Residential Address: 141 N. Fork Rd.

City: Black Mountain State: NC Zip Code: 28711

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Primary Phone: 828-793-0930 (c)

Other Phone: _____

Email Address: staborn c@gmail.com

Eligibility (Check Yes or No)

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

Application Questions

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

Giving back to the community where one lives is a duty and obligation of living in that area.

Black Mountain has many challenges the next few years with recovery after Helene, growth, and a shifting population composition that will impact future revenue and create employment challenges. My professional and personal experiences can provide insight and creative solutions to challenging situations.

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

Over 40 years of budgeting and financial management expertise in corporate, non-profit, and tax based organizations, as a volunteer or employee, with budgets between $350K to .$6M in revenue. My professional experience in retail, hospitality, tourism, historic preservation, event planning and building restoration, and construction provides an intimate understanding of the community base . I also have a working knowledge of Open Meetings, Open Records, and Parliamentary procedure.

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

I have experience working with both Council-Manager and Mayor-Council governments. In the Council-Manager form, the town manager handles day to day operations, without the intervention of the council, and makes recommendations to the Council on current issues. The Council provides leadership, advice, and makes decision at the macro level which impacts the community at large.

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

Elements involved in developing any budget requires a knowledge of revenue streams, debt service required for infrastructure repair and maintenance, operational needs, and creating a balanced budget based on that knowledge. Budgets are snapshots and guides

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

I am a strong proponent of equality and fairness, regardless of opinion. Being open to listening, and hearing, what is being conveyed is critical. Decisions should be made based on the will of the people, unless confidential information sways a decision. Not everyone will be happy with decisions at the long range macro level that may negatively impact the short-term micro level. Attendance at community events is important. Social media should be monitored but not ignored.

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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:** 5/2/2026

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.*