



City Clerk's Office

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Volunteer Application Form to Serve on a City Board or Commission

There are numerous Boards and Commissions to advise the City Council. Terms for the Boards and Commissions vary and are established by Municipal Code. These boards and commissions are vital to the success of the community and are comprised of interested citizens. This form assists the City Council in evaluating the qualifications of applicants for appointment to a board, commission or committee. State law requires political subdivisions to make a good faith effort to balance appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils authorized by the Code of Iowa according to gender by January 1, 2012, and each year thereafter. When terms have expired or vacancies occur, appointments are made during regular City Council meetings that take place on the first and third Monday.

To be considered, individuals must complete and submit this form along with a resume and cover letter that includes a listing of work experience and civic involvement to the City Clerk's office via email to CityClerk@indianolaiowa.gov or by mail at 110 N 1st Street, Indianola, IA 50125.

*Citizens applying for a position must live within City limits unless applying for the Downtown Square Commission, IMU Board of Trustees, Human Relations Commission, Hometown Pride or Sustainability Committees.

Personal Information

Name:		Today's Date:	
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:		Years Resided in Indianola:	
Email:			
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	
Occupation:			
Gender:	Age (Optional):	Race (Optional):	
Have you previously volunteered on a City Board, here or elsewhere?			
Board Name:	Years Served:	City:	
Application for (Name of Board/Commission or Committee):			
Why do you want to serve on this Board/Commission or Committee?			
What will you contribute to this Board/Commission or Committee?			

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Boards, Commissions and Committees

- Board of Adjustment/Appeals** meets the first Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This Board reviews applications for variances (zoning setbacks, lot area, off street parking, etc.), rules on special uses and structures listed, and listens to/decides upon appeals or administrative decisions. The Board consists of five members who serve 5-year terms. This Commission is appointed by the City Council.
- Bravo** is comprised of local governments to provide funding and leadership to the arts, culture and heritage community. One Indianola resident can serve on the Board of Directors of Bravo under the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Indianola and Bravo.
- Civil Service Commission** meets on-call. The Commission administers the civil service procedure and is involved in the hiring process for the Fire and Police Department as specified by code. The Commission consists of three members that serve 4- year terms.
- Downtown Square Commission** consists of property owners, business owners and residents in the Downtown Square area. This Commission is responsible for recommending sidewalk and street use permits, street closure permits and reviewing façade grant applications. The Commission consists of 9 members who serve 3-year terms. Commission members are appointed by the City Council.
- Hometown Pride Committee** meets once a month. The Committee's mission is to bring neighbors together to build a sense of community, create and improve public amenities, and celebrate what makes our hometown great. The board consists of 11 members who serve 2-year terms.
- Human Relations Commission** fosters the use of the procedures and programs of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and increases awareness, understanding and appreciation of diversity, equity and inclusion within the community. The Commission consists of 7 members who serve 3-year terms.
- IMU Board of Trustees** meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This Board manages and controls the city's waterworks, electric, light and power plant and also provides telecommunication services. The Board consists of five members serving 6-year terms.
- Indianola Public Arts Commission** is comprised of 9 residents who shall encourage the cooperation and coordination of projects in the field of arts that will enhance the cultural level of the arts in the community. They meet on the 4th Thursday of the month.
- Library Board of Trustees** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. in the Library meeting room. This Board has charge, control and supervision of the Library, its appurtenances, fixtures, rooms, and personnel. The Board consists of seven members serving 6-year terms.
- Park and Recreation Commission** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Activity Center. This Commission advises City Council on the needed facilities to provide open spaces such as parks, playgrounds and community facilities for other forms of recreation. It oversees city programs and encourages other programs for the leisure time of the City residents of all ages. The Commission consist of six members serving 3-year terms.
- Planning and Zoning Commission** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This Commission is qualified by knowledge or experience to act in matters pertaining to the development of the City Plan. The Commission consists of 9 members who serve 5-year terms. This Commission is appointed by the City Council.
- Sustainability Committee** works to educate, inform and advocate for clean, renewable energy, conserving resources, reducing waste, encouraging recycling and promoting access to nature. The Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Committee members are appointed by the City Council.
- Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center Commission** meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. at the Activity Center. The Commission consists of honorably discharged soldiers, marines, airmen or coast guard members who manage and control the Veteran's Memorial Aquatic Center and establish rules and regulations for management. The Commission consists of five members serving 3-year terms.