

Application Form--Impact Fee Advisory Committee

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Applicant Background:

Are you a city resident? Yes
How long immediately prior to today's date have you been a city resident? 15 years
In which ward do you reside? 1

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes
Are you registered to vote? Yes

Current Occupation: Attorney
Current Employer: U.S. Dept. of Justice

Briefly describe your educational background:

B.A., Chemistry and Env. Studies, Middlebury College, 2002; M.S., Geography, Univ. of Montana, 2009;
J.D., Univ. of Montana, 2014

List of community service experience:

Missoula Consolidated Planning Board, 2011-2020; Missoula City Board of Adjustment, June 2018-present; Missoula County Impact Fee Advisory Committee, March 2021-present

What is your interest in serving on this board, commission, or committee?

I'm of the opinion that while residential and commercial development in Missoula brings with it a host of benefits, the costs of development should not be shouldered by current residents through taxation. A properly administered impact fee program channels those costs where they ought to go, while at the same time facilitating a thoughtful development pattern.

Do you have any special knowledge, interest, or experience that would qualify you for a position on this board, commission, or committee?

I studied monetary exactions in law school and wrote a published article on the topic. While in private practice, I represented a Montana municipality in a federal lawsuit regarding the constitutionality of that city's impact fee program. I also currently serve on Missoula County's Impact Fee Advisory Committee.

References

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