

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD or COMMISSION



Name: Swanson Karl F Date: 3/26/2024
Last First Middle

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: King City, OR 97224

Is this address within the City? yes I've lived in King City since: Dec 2022

Telephone No.: _____
Home Work Cell/Mobile

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Are you a registered Voter in the State of Oregon? yes

Present Occupation: retired

Which Committee(s) would you like to be appointed to?

***Dates of meetings are listed at the end of this application.
Please make sure those dates work with your schedule before you apply.***

- City Council*
- Budget Committee
- Planning Commission
- Other

Employment, professional, and volunteer background:
Professional Civil Engineer

- 1994-2021, Branch Chief, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Portland Oregon
- 1985-1994, Structural Engineer and Project Manager, Engineering and Construction Division
US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland Oregon
- 1983-1985, Bridge Design Engineer, Oregon Department of Transportation, Salem Oregon

Various volunteer activities including engineering for non-profit organizations and many years of litter clean-up in King City along Beef Bend Road

Previous City appointments, offices or activities:

Activities included volunteering during the Edgewater development planning processes, working with the developer and King City council during master planning and design and construction to ensure the final community was the best possible for both existing and future residents.

As additional background for the Mayor and City Council, please answer the following questions. Feel free to add additional pages.

1. What experience/training/qualifications do you have for this particular board or commission? You may attach a resume.

During my 24 years in this area I have been active in the planning process in King City. I remember when City Council actually listened to residents and respected them. My 40 years of experience as Civil Engineer would benefit City Council as King City expands. My engineering experience includes working with the public during planning, design, permitting, and construction. I have supervisory experience as a Branch Chief for the Federal Government where women and men on my engineering staff were responsible for inspections in 7 western states. I received the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's highest award for leadership excellence in January 2021.

2. What specific contribution do you hope to make?

I want to improve communication between King City council and residents. I want to bring the city back together and restore confidence and trust of residents and assure them that they are being heard and their concerns are being acted on appropriately by King City council.

3. What community topics concern you that relate to this board or commission? Why do you want to become a member?

Clearly there is a problem when councilors were recalled by residents even when tens of thousands of dollars were spent to defend them with a highly organized effort that inundated their mailboxes with false information that their services were going to be taken away and their taxes would go up if they voted to recall.

Citizens were clearly frustrated with a council that was not listening to them or acting in their interest. I want to work to restore public trust in council and bring the city back together. I want to restore their participation by showing council can listen to their concerns.

4. Describe your involvement in relevant community groups and activities. (Lack of previous involvement will not disqualify you from consideration.)

As a Civil Engineer and a member of this community for 24 years I was actively involved in the planning and expansion for Edgewater and the planning processes for the Kingston Terrace expansion.

Signature  Date: 3/26/2024

Meeting dates (all meeting dates are subject to change or additions)

- City Council* - meets the First and Third Wednesday of the month
- Budget Committee – meets in April-May to consider City budget for new fiscal year
- Planning Commission – Fourth Wednesday of the month

Please be advised members of the City Council, the Planning Commission are required to file an annual **Statement Of Economic Interest** with the State of Oregon. A sample reporting form is available from the City Recorders Office at 15300 SW 116th Ave, King City, OR 97224 indicating the type of information you will be required to disclose if you are appointed.

For office use only:

Date Received: 3/29/2024

Date Considered:

Action by Council:

Term Expires:

Please return this form to:

City Recorder
15300 SW 116th Ave
King City, OR 97224
503-639-4082
503-639-3771(FAX)
rsmith@ci.king-city.or.us

*The Council members are elected at large by City voters and serve four-year terms. The process to select a candidate for the vacancy will be initiated at the time a vacancy exists in accordance with the King City Charter, Chapter IV, Section 17(1) and (2).