

✓ Council District: 24 This application is a: Reappointment  New Appointment

### GREENVILLE COUNTY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION for County-wide Boards

Name of Board or Commission to which you are applying: Board of Tax Assessment & Appeals  
An individual may only apply to serve on one board or commission during any election cycle.

Mr.  Mrs.   
Ms.  Dr.  Name: William (Bill) T. Young III  
Home Address: 137 Aberdeen Dr. City: Greenville Zip: 29605

Occupation: Lawyer Employer: Betterbuilt Storage LLC

Employer Address: 104 Mauldin Rd., Suite I  
Greenville, SC 29605

School attended: USC

Highest degree earned: Juris Doctor Field of Study: LAW / Business Administration (undergrad)

Volunteer Experience (Please list and describe): See Attached

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying.  
See Attached

What specific skills do you believe you could contribute as a member of this board or commission?  
See Attached

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How many hours per week are you able to commit to this board or commission? 10

Have you ever attended a meeting of this board or commission? *\* not in Greenville but comparable Board in Beaufort* Yes  No

Are you available to meet at the regularly scheduled date and time of the board or commission meetings? Yes  No

Do you, any member of your immediate family, or a business with which you or a family member is associated, provide goods and/or services to this board for payment? Yes  No   
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or any member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board? Yes  No   
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes  No   
If yes, please give details. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold any elected or appointed office or commission? Yes  No   
If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously held any elected or appointed office or commission? Yes  No   
If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation? Yes  No   
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been subject to penalty relating to a violation of State ethics standards? Yes  No   
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you current in payment of your Greenville County property taxes? Yes  No

If applying for the **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee** the **Construction Board of Appeals** or the **Historic Preservation Commission** please check the box that applies to your field of employment or expertise:

**Accommodations Tax Comm.**

- Tourism Industry
- Cultural / Arts
- Restaurant
- Hotel Management

**Historic Preservation Comm.**

- Archeologist
- Historian
- Architect
- Member of Historic Preservation Group

**Construction Board of Appeals**

- Architectural
- Fire Protection Engineer /Contractor
- Electrical Engineer /Contractor
- Design/Architectural /Professional Contractor
- Structural Engineer /Contractor
- Mechanical Engineer /Contractor
- Plumbing Engineer /Contractor

## Statement of Agreement and Understanding

***By my signature, I attest all information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.***

***I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office.***

***I understand my appointment to the board for which I am applying will not result in me receiving any compensation for my service.***

***I understand my lack of attendance resulting in three consecutive meetings or 25% of all meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.***

Signature Wen Z. [Signature] Date 7/17/15

**Please return completed form by mail, fax or email to:**

**Greenville County Council  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601-3665**

**Fax: (864) 467-7358**

**[rmccaskill@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:rmccaskill@greenvillecounty.org)**

If you have questions, please call 467-7115 or check the [www.greenvillecounty.org](http://www.greenvillecounty.org) website.

**Volunteer Experience:**

2007-2014: Beaufort Water Festival (Beaufort County Bar Young Lawyers)

Cocky's Reading Express (SC Bar Young Lawyers, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit)

1999-2003: Tutored schoolchildren in Columbia, SC

1997-1999: World Changers (built/repared houses for the less fortunate)

**Understanding of the position:**

The Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals is responsible for reviewing disputes between the County and taxpayers relating to valuation and assessment matters of property taxes. In simplest terms, the Board is responsible for ensuring the correct valuation and assessment ratio are applied. In my experience, disputes typically relate to whether the taxpayer's property is eligible for the preferential 4% assessment ratio (given to qualifying legal residences) or whether the valuation of the property, for tax assessment purposes, is accurate. Other issues relating to tax assessment and valuation may also present themselves through a variety of factual scenarios, including the availability of the multiple lot discount, homestead exemption, or other exemptions or deductions.

**Specific skills and experience:**

Prior to moving to Greenville in September 2014, I worked as an attorney in Beaufort, South Carolina, for nearly 8 years. Part of my practice involved representing the Beaufort County Assessor in disputes regarding valuation and assessment of property. Consequently, I appeared on behalf of the Assessor in matters before the Beaufort County Tax Equalization Board (the equivalent of Greenville County's Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals), the South Carolina Administrative Law Court, the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and the South Carolina Supreme Court. Naturally, I routinely addressed the statutes and the governing case law at issue in tax assessment disputes. Moreover, I have extensive experience with appraisers and am familiar with appraisal methods used in determining the fair market values for properties. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, I understand when the burden of proof falls on the taxpayer versus when the taxpayer is given the benefit of the doubt in these cases. As a result of my experience and familiarity with the typical issues presented in these cases, I believe I will be able to quickly discern the primary issues, consider the relevant evidence presented, apply the appropriate standard, and reach a determination that is consistent with the laws of the State.

I served as counsel of record for the following cases that the appellate courts of South Carolina recently decided:

*Ford v. Beaufort County Assessor*, 398 S.C. 508, 730 S.E.2d 335 (Ct. App. 2012) (*cert. denied*);

*Mitul Enterprises v. Beaufort County Assessor*, 410 S.C. 430, 764 S.E.2d 720 (Ct. App. 2014) (*cert. denied*);

*Segars v. Beaufort County*, 2013-UP-426 (filed November 20, 2013).