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COUNTY COUNCIL

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GREENVILLE COUNTY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION  
for County-wide Boards

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

Mr.  Mrs.   
Ms.  Dr.

Name: William D. Powers

Home Address: 823 South Church Street Apt. 447 City: Greenville Zip: 29601

Occupation: Attorney Employer: Gallivan, White & Boyd, P.A.

Employer Address: 55 Beattie Place, Suite 200  
Greenville, SC 29601

School attended: Clemson University; University of South Carolina School of Law

Highest degree earned: J.D. Field of Study: Law

Volunteer Experience (Please list and describe): See attached sheet

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

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

How many hours per week are you able to commit to this board or commission? 5

Have you ever attended a meeting of this board or commission? 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.

Construction Board of Appeals

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

Historic Preservation Comm.

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

- 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**

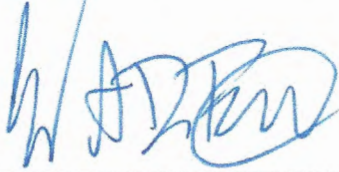
*By my signature, I attest all information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge;*

*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 \_\_\_\_\_



Date \_\_\_\_\_

07/30/17

**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.

July 31, 2017

**VIA E-MAIL**

Regina McCaskill  
Greenville County  
County Square  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601-3681  
Email: [rmccaskill@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:rmccaskill@greenvillecounty.org)

Dear Ms. McCaskill:

I am writing to supplement my application for the Greenville County Board of Zoning Appeals. Below I have listed my supplemental responses to the questions on the first page of the Board's application:

Volunteer Experience (Please list and describe):

I am currently a member of the Greenville County Board of Zoning Appeals and have been on the Board for three terms. In addition to the Board, I am a member of the Downtown Greenville Sertoma Club and participate in its annual fundraising activities, bi-weekly meetings and other activities. The focus of the Sertoma Club is to provide assistance to speech and hearing disabled children and underprivileged children.

I am also on the board of the American Subcontractors Association (South Carolina), which is a commercial construction industry trade group. In my role as legal counsel I advise the board and its members on legal issues, lobbying efforts and other issues that arise during the course of the group's operation.

Lastly, I am a member of the Metropolitan Arts Commission's MAC Connect board, which works with young professionals in the Greenville area to develop and promote arts and arts-related activities to young professionals and also works with youth in our schools to expand arts in schools and post-school activities.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:

The function of the Greenville County Board of Zoning Appeals is to hear and decide matters regarding land use in Greenville County. Specifically, the Board deals with land use issues including requests for variances, use by special exception, appeals of decisions from the Zoning Administrator and other issues related thereto.

The Board members are charged with having an understanding of the rules and regulations as set forth in the Greenville County zoning code and to enforce the same. The proceedings are quasi-judicial in nature and the Board members have a duty to hear the facts provided by the Zoning staff (and other County staff if applicable), the applicant(s) and the opposition (if any), apply the facts to the zoning code and render a decision based on the same.

The Board meets on a monthly basis and also undergoes at least one (sometimes two) training meetings on an annual basis.

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

I have a background in construction, development, land use and the legal field. I began my career in construction and development before returning to law school. My law practice has been focused on construction, land use and real estate development. This background has provided me with an insight into several facets of land use, both from a practical perspective as well as an in-depth understanding of the importance of the statutory background on which the Board's decisions are based.

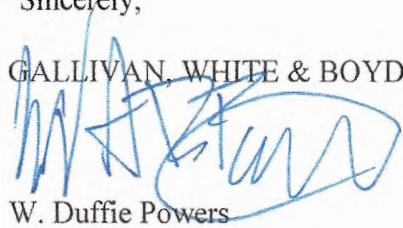
Being able to recognize and understand the larger picture of the functioning between the zoning code and the various types of issues that the Board undertakes had helped me immensely during my tenure on the Board. Moreover, understanding the legal ramifications of the Board's decisions provides a unique insight for the Board and has helped us to provide a sound basis from which to issue our decisions during my tenure on the Board.

Finally, I believe that I have the ability to keep an open mind during the Board's proceedings and can balance fairness with the zoning laws to which the Board is charged with adhering.

In closing, I have enjoyed my tenure on the Board and hope to continue to serve on the Board in the future as it is one of the best experiences I have had in my life and I truly love being able to serve the County and its citizens in my role as a Board member. I also believe that it is a great honor and privilege to do so. I take my role on the Board seriously and I have made every effort to prepare for and attend Board meetings and will continue to do so in the future if I am fortunate enough to be able to continue to serve on the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GALLIVAN, WHITE & BOYD, P.A.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Duffie Powers", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

W. Duffie Powers

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