



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets at 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	Nicholas Brausch		
Prefix:	Mr.	Birthdate:	
Home Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Email:		Phone #:	
Voter Registration #:		Driver's License #:	
Employer:	De Bruin Law Firm	Occupation:	Attorney
Highest Degree Earned:	Juris Doctor	School Attended:	University of South Carolina School of Law
Year of Graduation:	2019	Field of Study:	Law
Linked In Profile:		Social Media Profile:	

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

I have been an attorney since November of 2019, and I have practiced Real Estate Law since July of 2020. I currently work as a real estate attorney with the De Bruin Law firm in Greenville South Carolina where zoning has been an ancillary part of my day to day role at the firm.

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

NA

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

-Rebuild Upstate: In September of 2023, I--along with the rest of the De Bruin Law Firm--assisted in building deck/accessibility ramp for an individual in Easley who was having issues using her current steps. The event was a full day build from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. As a firm, we intend to continue volunteering with Rebuild Upstate yearly to better assist our community.

My interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals is:

I am interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals because it would allow me to engage with the community and give back to the community that I am apart of in a way that feels meaningful and needed. I am passionate about ensuring that Greenville grows in a way that is both sustainable and beneficial for the individuals and businesses which reside here, and being a part of this Board gives me an opportunity to be a part of that conversation and engage more with my community.

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

My understanding of this role is that I, along with the other board members, will be tasked with reviewing appeals submitted by landowners who wish for their zoning designation to be changed/updated/alterd based on how they wish to use their property vs how their property is zoned. Once the applications have been submitted, reviewed, and discussed with the other board members, we as a whole would be tasked with making a decision to approve or deny the zoning appeal.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

As an attorney, I am able to review information of varying levels of complexity, break it down to understandable pieces, and then discuss the matter at hand in a constructive way in order to find a solution that best suits the situation. I have strong communication skills, I am able to research any needed background information, and I am able to understand pros and cons to an argument with the ultimate goal of balancing what is best for the individual vs what is best for the community.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Zoning Board of Appeals are:

My topics of concern, as they relate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, would include affordable housing, sustainable grown, mixed use housing/commercial spaces, and Greenville's desire to promote public spaces that are accessible to everyone in the community. As Greenville grows, these topics will only become more important to ensure that the County continues to best serve the many different communities that call Greenville home.

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

Do you **currently** hold an elected or appointed office or commission? Yes No
If yes, please list:

Have you **previously** held an 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 convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No
If yes, please give details:

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Additional Questions

Do you hold a South Carolina Real Estate License? Yes No

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check? Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Zoning Board of Appeals? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals? Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to boards and commissions? Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position? Yes No

Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

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

Do you or a member of your immediate family financially benefit from the actions of this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Statement of Agreement and Understanding

Electronic Signature Agreement. By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, you agree to and attest to the following:

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 have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq., and any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Signature: Nicholas Brausch

Date: 5/13/2024

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.