



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meets at 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in Conference Room D at County Square.

Personal Information

Name:	Thomas G Gates	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Mr.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Financial Consultant
Employer:	Retired	School Attended:	Stephen F Austin Univ
Highest Degree Earned:	BA	Field of Study:	Social Work
Year of Graduation:	1976	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:
NA

Certifications:
NA

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:
NA

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):
Finance committee Trinity Presbyterian Church

My interest in serving on the Planning Commission is:
Help guide growth in Greenville County.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:
Make decisions on staff recommendations on various projects in the county.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Planning Commission:
I have a strong analytical mind going back 40 years as a financial advisor.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Planning Commission are:
After seeing how the staff recommended approval of the Stables subdivision in spring 2021, and how this committee approved it on a 5 to 4 vote, I had to get involved so this kind of development wouldn't happen again.

Qualifiers / Areas of Expertise

Please check the box(es) that apply to your field of employment or expertise:

- Attorney / Paralegal
- Real Estate Development
- Land Use Planning
- Insurance

- Banking / Finance
- Land Conservation
- Engineer

- Real Estate Agent / Broker
- Builder / Contractor
- Investments / Securities

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

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

Have you **previously** held an elected or appointed office or commission?
If yes, please list: Yes No

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

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

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

As a member of the group, Alliance to Preserve the Old White Horse Road Corridor, LLC

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 Planning Commission? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Planning Commission? 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?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

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

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

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

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?
If yes, please explain: Yes No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?
If yes, please explain:

Yes No

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: Thomas G Gates

Date: 3/1/2024

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