



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATax) meets on an as needed basis at 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	BJ Koonce	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Mrs.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Marketing
Employer:	Retired	School Attended:	Clemson University
Highest Degree Earned:	BA	Field of Study:	English
Year of Graduation:	1973	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

NA

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Metropolitan Arts Council, Board of Directors
The Fredric E. Hasert Memorial Trust, Managing Trustee
Greenville Professional Women's Forum
The Thursday Club
Random Readers Book Club

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

Currently none.
Occasionally serve on the Metropolitan Arts Council's Project Support Grant Committee

My interest in serving on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee is:

I have had the pleasure of serving on this committee for more than 10 years. I enjoy learning about County events & organizations & am interested in helping to ensure that funding is appropriated according to the mandates & guidelines of the State & County.

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

The committee's responsibility is to review all applicants for A-Tax funding, interview them & determine which have the most direct & indirect impact on hotel nights in County hotels. (Those outside the City limits.) They are then graded as specified and recommendations are made to Council for funding.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee:

I am an upstate SC native and have been involved in various non-profits my entire life...through volunteer work and my former business. I am familiar with the grantmaking process and understand the standards expected of applicants.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee are:

My concerns are that applicants meet the requirements for funding. All of the applicants deserve the same consideration.

Qualifiers / Areas of Expertise

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

- Large Full Service Hotel
- Limited Service Hotel
- Cultural Organization
- Food Industry
- Tourism Industry

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

Additional Questions

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 Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee? 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

Not applicable

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Not applicable

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

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Not applicable

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: BJ Koonce

Date: 9/24/2024

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