

**TOWN OF NEW MARKET
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer, if applicable: _____

Education:

High School: _____

College: _____

Area of Study: _____

Other Education / Military Service: _____

Civic Activities (include other boards, committees and commissions):

Memberships (in Fraternal, Business, Church or Social Groups -- include offices held):

Reason(s) why you want to serve on board, commission or committee:

The following is a listing of the Boards, Commissions and Committees that serve the Town of New Market:

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

BZA members are appointed by the Circuit Court Judge to serve a 5 year term upon Town Council recommendation. The BZA conducts public hearings when an applicant requests a variance from the requirements of the zoning ordinance. Variances may only be granted when the applicant can demonstrate 1.) That the strict application of the zoning ordinance in question would produce an undue hardship; and 2.) That such hardship is not shared generally by all other properties in the same zoning district and the same vicinity; and 3.) That the authorization of such variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property and that the character of the district will not be changed by the granting of the variance. Self-inflicted hardship, whether deliberately or ignorantly incurred, affords no basis for the granting of a variance. The BZA also hears cases in which an applicant challenges the determination of the Zoning Administrator on zoning related issues.

Historic Overlay District Review Board

The Historic Overlay District Review Board is made up of seven members (1 staff member, 3 residents of town, and 3 owners of property within the historic overlay district who may, but need not be residents of the town). The Board is appointed by Town Council to 3 year terms. The Board is in charge of reviewing all plans that will change the exterior appearance of buildings located within in the Historic Overlay District. Specifically, the Board is to encourage all construction projects to be compatible with the Town's historic character and to promote the historic areas for the education, pleasure and welfare of the citizens of the town as well as tourists. While similar, the current Board is not charged with architectural review regulations that are enforceable as in other communities.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is appointed by Town Council and serves 4 year terms. They work closely with the Town Council to decide where and how growth and development will occur within the community. The Commission works on the comprehensive plan (a representation of what the community desires to be in the future), site plans for commercial development, subdivision plats for residential developments and reviews land use request applications in which they make recommendations relating to approval or denial to the Town Council.

Name of Board, Commission or Committees you desire to serve:
