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NEWS RELEASE

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Applicants Sought for City Boards and Commissions

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque is seeking qualified applicants for 14 vacancies on many of the City's 29 volunteer boards and commissions.

Boards and commissions play an important role in governing the City of Dubuque. Membership is not to be taken lightly but should be considered as a contribution to maintaining and, in many instances, improving the quality of life in the community. These advisory groups can be valuable community assets and effective partners with the City Council and City staff in guiding the future of the community. Boards and commissions members: provide a valuable link to the community and to the various interests that make up the community; assist in the development of policy recommendations to the City Council; provide leadership and support to City staff; promote the City and its programs; and provide expertise in specialized areas.

The satisfaction of serving in a volunteer capacity as a member of a public board or commission is a personal achievement and provides a sound basis for further public service. Such service also lays the foundation for being effective citizens after membership on such boards and commissions has ceased.

As of March 27, 2008, the following vacancies exist:

- Airport Zoning Board of Adjustment (five-year term)
- Airport Zoning Commission (six-year term)
- Civic Center Commission (three-year term)
- Civil Service Commission (four-year term)
- Enterprise Zone Commission (three-year term)
- Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission (three-year term)
- Housing Code Appeals Board (three-year term)
- Long Range Planning Advisory Commission (three-year term)

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- Mechanical Code Board (three-year term)
- TV Cable Community Teleprogramming Commission (three-year term)
- TV Cable Regulatory Commission (three-year term)
- Zoning Board of Adjustment (five-year term)

The City Clerk's Office, located in City Hall at 50 West 13th Street, accepts applications for all board and commission vacancies. Applicants must reside within the Dubuque city limits. Completed applications will be submitted to the City Council for their review at the appropriate regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Applicants are notified and encouraged to attend that meeting to address the Council in support of their appointment to a particular board or commission, which will be made at a later meeting. Applicants will then be notified of the outcome of the Council's action. If not appointed at that time, this application will be resubmitted, as needed, as long as the application is active (one year, unless the applicant advises they are no longer interested).

If you are interested in applying for a vacancy on a board or commission, you may complete an electronic application form or download a printable application from the City Clerk's section of the City website, www.cityofdubuque.org. Descriptions of each board and commission are also provided on the website. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (563)589-4120 or e-mail cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org.

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