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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Applicants Sought for ADA Commissioners on City Building Code Appeals Board**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque is seeking qualified applicants for two new positions added to the City’s Building Code Appeals Board that deal with accessibility issues. As a volunteer member of the Building Code Board of Appeals, commissioners would be appointed to a three-year term and possibly arbitrate some of the following issues:

1. Determining if noted issues with a business are consistent with the “Readily Achievable” section of the ADA Codes.
2. Determining if the noted issues for a business are easily accomplished and are able to be carried out without excessive cost to the business.
3. Determining the ability of a business to afford changes that are required for accessibility.
4. Give an opinion of how many of the noted issues will be required to be brought into compliance for reasonable accessibility.
5. Have a basic knowledge of the ADA Codes and be able to practically apply them to attain the maximum compliance for accessibility in different scenarios.

**Additionally, applications are currently being accepted for vacancies on the following boards and commissions:**

- Airport Commission
- Airport Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Airport Zoning Commission
- Building Code Board of Appeals At-Large
- Building Code Board of Appeals – ADA Representative
- Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission
- Housing Code Appeals Board
- Transit Board of Trustees

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.

The City Clerk's Office, located in City Hall at 50 West 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cityofdubuque.org). For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (563)589-4120 or e-mail [cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofdubuque.org).

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