



**APPLICATION FOR BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

In accordance with the City Charter, Michigan Constitution, and U.S. Constitution, and individual must be a registered voter in the City of Buchanan to serve on a City Board, Committee or Council (hereafter referred to as board[s]). By submitting this application, you affirm that you meet this requirement. Limited exceptions for certain boards exist as indicated in the board descriptions below.

**Please note that all information submitted in this application is public information and subject to disclosure.**

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Please check all that apply:

- I own property in the City of Buchanan.
- I own a business located within the City of Buchanan.
- I rent property located within the City of Buchanan.
- I meet special requirements of the board(s) for which I am applying.

To ensure quorums, which are needed for Boards to conduct official business, applications commit to attending at least 75% of regularly scheduled meetings of the board each year, absent emergencies and/or excused absences approved by a unanimous vote of the Board. Applicants also agree to abide by the City's Ethics Policy, and further agree to attend all required trainings in order to maintain eligibility to serve.

- | <u>YES</u>                          | <u>NO</u>                | If selected to serve on a Board, I agree to:                         |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | attend at least 75% of all meetings of that Board                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | participate in periodic meetings and board training held by the City |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | abide by the City's Ethics Policy                                    |

Indicate the board(s) in which you are interested. You may choose more than one. Please list a preference order. If your first choice is unavailable, we may contact you for service on another board. The electronic version of this application includes website links to review additional information about that board.

- BOARD OF REVIEW
- BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- BUCHANAN AREA RECREATION BOARD (B.A.R.B.)
- BUCHANAN PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL
- BUCHANAN TREE FRIENDS
- COMMON COMMITTEE
- COMPENSATION COMMITTEE
- DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
- DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD
- BUCHANAN FIELD OF DREAMS DOG PARK COMMITTEE
- BUCHANAN FARMERS' MARKET (subcommittee of the Common Committee)
- FRIENDS OF McCOY'S CREEK TRAIL (subcommittee of the B.A.R.B.)
- FRIENDS OF OAKRIDGE CEMETERY
- JOINT WATER SEWER BOARD
- ONE BUCHANAN
- PLANNING COMMISSION
- ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Describe why you are interested in this particular board or boards.

As the CEO of MGCF, I have a vested interest in downtown development and community building. I'm also the owner of a building downtown. The foundation holds an endowment for the Common as well.

Please list any community service and/or prior board service, including the name of the board and term of service.

- Elkhart Leadership Academy
- Oaklawn Foundation Board member
- Treasurer of SW Michigan Landlord Association

What skills, background, expertise, or special qualification do you have which would be of special value on this board (i.e. education, job experience, length of residency, life in another community, etc.)?

- CEO of Gateway Community Foundation  
 - Longtime board member of several organizations.  
 - Owner of Rowland Property Group, a RE investment firm.

**Employment:** List your most recent employment experiences.

Dates of Employment	Company Name/Location	Position	Job Description
8/20 - Current	Michigan Gateway CF	CEO/President	Manage Community Foundation Endowment
11/17 - 8/20	Honor Credit Union	Business Development Officer	commercial lending

**Education:** List your most recent educational experiences.

Educational Institution/School	Certificate/Degree Received	Area(s) of Study
Western Michigan University	Bachelors - Business Adm	Sales & Business Mktg
Buchanan High School	Degree	general

**Prior Community/Board Service:** List other organizations for which you have served.

Organization	Role	Dates Served
Oaklawn Foundation	Board member	2015 - 2018
Buchanan Preservation Society	Board member	2018 - 2020
Southeast MI Landlord Assoc	Treasurer	2015 - present
Michigan Gateway Board of Trustees	Trustee/CEO	2020 - present

**References:** Please list three personal or business references, including contact information.

Name	Relationship/ Years Known	Contact Information
Patrick Sween	- Former manager - Friend - 15 years	psween@koadrecu.com
Lou Desenberg	MOCT Board Chair	LADberg@gmail.com
Glen Forshee	SWMHA Board Chair	glenforshee@gmail.com

**Additional Comments:** Please use this space to share any relevant comments that were not covered in other sections of this application.

*Applications will be kept on file for three calendar years.*

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**CITY CLERK  
302 N Redbud Trail  
Buchanan MI 49107**

***bpitcher@cityofbuchanan.com***