



Duties and Responsibilities

The City operates under a Council-Mayor form of government. The seven-member City Council serves as the non-partisan legislative body of the City.

The Camas City Council is the legislative authority of the City of Camas.

The Council is responsible for setting policy, adopting the annual budget, adopting laws, determining the services to be provided and the funding levels for those services, and confirming the Mayor's appointments of citizens to its advisory boards commissions and committees.

The duties of a City Council Member will likely involve an average minimum commitment of 20-40 hours per month for preparation, participation, and attendance at various meetings and community activities.

Beyond the broad duties previously mentioned, Council Member duties include, but are not limited to:

- Attendance is required at City Council meetings, which are held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, from 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm and occasionally later.
- From time to time, the City Council or Mayor may call special City Council meetings to handle city business.
- Attendance is also required at the Council's Annual Planning Session usually held over a weekend in January.
- Council Members are expected to serve on Council Sub-Committees, regional boards, and commissions, and to represent the City Council at various community functions. These various meetings and functions occur normally during the evenings but may also occur on some weekends and during some weekdays.
- Some travel is expected locally, regionally, and/or within the State of Washington involving various organizations of which the City of Camas is a member. Council Members may also, at their discretion, travel and attend training, education and/or participate in other organizations at the local, regional, state, or in some instances, on the national level. Travel, education, and training expenses for local, regional, state, and national activities are reimbursed in accordance with City policy applicable to all employees and City officials, subject to the budgetary limit set for each Council Member and for the City Council as a whole.

The stipend for a Council Member is \$1,045.00 per month plus a \$75 per month technology allowance.

Notice: The term of this appointment, for the vacated Council Member position, is anticipated to run February 2023, thru November 28, 2023 (unfulfilled term end). If the successful candidate is interested in continuing to serve as a Council Member, they would need to run in November 2023 for the position's next full term. Candidates interested in running for this office, should check with Clark County Elections for the special filing dates. The phone number for the elections department is (564) 397-2345.

Application Questions

IMPORTANT! This online form will not save; it must be completed in its entirety all at once. It is recommended that you familiarize with all the required fields, on this tab and the Supplemental Questions tab, in order to return and complete it at all once:

1. **Application** (digitally signed)
2. **One-page cover letter upload** indicating your interest and general qualifications for the position
3. **Resume upload** (no more than 2 pages)
4. **Answers to the Supplemental Questions** (no more than 2 pages)
5. **Voter registration card upload**
6. **Declaration and Affidavit of Candidacy; notary signature and seal required**

The timeline for filling the Council vacancy is as follows:

February 1, 2023 (Wednesday): Applications due to City staff by 5:00 pm

February 17, 2023 (Friday): Special Meeting at 4:00 pm is scheduled to conduct candidate interviews followed by an Executive Session and council vote. The new Council Member will be sworn in on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, approximately 7:00 pm.

To be considered, your application must be complete and received by the City staff at Camas City Hall (616 NE 4th Avenue) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. Additional written information after this date will not be accepted, unless requested by the City Council.

Inquiries and questions pertaining to this process or documentation should be directed to:

City Clerk's Office

616 NE 4th Avenue
Camas, WA 98607

Contact Phone: (360) 834-6864 Email Address: administration@cityofcamas.us

Application

First Name *	John		
Last Name *	Svilarich		
Physical Home Address *	Street Address		
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	Address Line 2		
	City	State / Province / Region	
	Camas	WA	
	Postal / Zip Code	Country	
	98607	United States	
Email *	<div></div>		
Contact Phone *	<div></div>		
Other Phone			

Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature

A Council Member for the City of Camas must have continuously resided within City limits for a minimum of one year and be a registered voter in Camas, Washington. Must currently reside within the Ward where the opening exists.

IF you hold, participate in, or are involved in any contracts with the City, AND/OR you hold any other elected public office, PLEASE provide those details in your cover letter

Are you a registered voter in Camas, WA? *

Voter Registration Card *

You can get it online at Voter Portal (vote.wa.gov), enter your details. In the left pane go to "Voter Registration" and save this screenshot in any manner to upload.

Svilanich voter registration.pdf

120.96KB

To confirm Residency and Ward, go to [MapsOnline, Clark County WA, GIS](#). Enter your address on the "Search" tab to confirm that your address is within Camas Ward 3.

Do you reside within Ward 3 of the City of Camas? *

How long have you been a resident of the City of Camas? *

21 years

How long have you lived at your current address? *

21 years

Previous Address

If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address.

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Length of Time at Previous Address

Financial Interest or Business? *

Do you, or any family member residing in your household, have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that conducts business with the City of Camas?

No

Washington State Qualification *

I am legally qualified to serve in this capacity.

Yes

Attachment Cover Letter *

council letter final.pdf
(1 page limit)

296.66KB

Attachment Resume *

Council resume final.pdf
(2 page limit)

38.73KB

Please note that:

- Once a Council Member application is filed with the City, it is a public record available to the public.
- The applications received from all candidates who meet the minimum requirements of state law will be posted on the City of Camas website as part of the Council's meeting packet the week of the initial interview.
- If appointed, you will be required by state law to file a personal financial disclosure statement with the Washington Public Disclosure Commission (www.pdc.wa.gov).

Signature *

As an applicant, I declare that I am qualified for appointment to this public office and acknowledge the information provided on this application will be available to the public.

John V. Svilanich

Supplemental Questions

IMPORTANT! This online form will not save. Be sure to complete your application, voter registration card upload, cover letter and resume uploads, and the entirety of these supplemental questions before submitting.

Suggestion - prepare your answers ahead of time and when ready to submit the application, copy and paste them into the fields.

Question 1. *

1. Why do you want to serve on the Camas City Council?

Camas is at a critical juncture in its history with many big decisions facing it. These decisions will shape the success of our future and it's important we get it right as best we can. I believe I have the knowledge, experience, and background to help the Council do its best.

Question 2. *

What experiences, talents or skills would you bring to the city government that you would like to highlight?

In my 21 years in Camas, I have been active throughout the community including schools, the City and the Port. I have a solid historical perspective and knowledge that would be a valuable resource for the Council. In my many decades of life, I have become an effective communicator. I have learned to collaborate with others. I am solution oriented, helping me to be a proven problem solver. I have faced a diversity of challenges both personally and professionally. This allows me to be pragmatic and empathetic, yet productive.

Question 3. *

What forms of public service or volunteering have you been involved in and/or what other elected bodies have you sought a seat or been elected to? Provide details regarding the dates, organization/agency names, roles and responsibilities.

I have sought public office three times – School Board in CA in the late 70s – Camas School Board in 2004 – Camas City Council in 2022.

This is some of the public service I have done in the area: Camas Northshore Citizens Advisory Committee (2022). Deer Creek HOA Board of Directors (since 2004, currently President). City of Camas Website Test User (2021). Kiwanis and Rotary Volunteer. Camas School Board Citizens Advisory Committee (3 years, 2 as Chair). Port of Camas-Washougal Waterfront Advisory Committee. Camas School District Long Term Facilities Planning Committee. Portland Pioneer Square Board of Directors (2010). Friends of Trees, Certified Crew Leader (since 2010).

Question 4. *

What is your vision for Camas four or five years from now? Explain how you would lead the community toward your vision.

My vision is one of Camas being a vibrant place to live and work. A place that is healthy both environmentally and economically. This will take vision and leadership. It will take thoughtful planning, solid communication, and hard work. If I am fortunate enough to be able to continue with the council after this appointment, I will help lead the community by hard work alongside my fellow councilors, open and clear communication, and consistent dedication towards our success.

Question 5. *

In your opinion, what are the top two or three most significant challenges facing the City of Camas today? How would you propose to address these challenges?

While the City faces many challenges, I believe that infrastructure and revenue sources are two of the most significant. As for infrastructure, we must prioritize what is needed and act on it. Delayed or deferred decision making has cost us time and money. The decisions are not easy but must be made. As for revenue sources, we need to do more work in economic development. This is not easy either, but success is needed here for our long-term financial health.

Declaration and Affidavit

Click the link below to download the affidavit form:

[Declaration and Affidavit of Candidacy](#)

This must be notarized and emailed to administration@cityofcamas.us or hand-delivered to the Clerk's Office at 616 NE 4th Avenue.

January 2023

Camas City Council

- The Honorable Leslie Lewallen
- The Honorable Bonnie Carter
- The Honorable Marilyn Boerke
- The Honorable Don Chaney
- The Honorable Tim Hein
- The Honorable John Nohr

Cc: The Honorable Mayor Steve Hogan

Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the Council vacancy in Ward 3.

I have lived in Camas for over 21 years and Washington for 38 years. In my time here I have strived to be involved and support the community. I have worked with the schools, the City, and the Port. I have worked with neighbors and local non-profit civic groups.

My professional experience has given me decades of training and experience that will also help me be an asset quickly. I have worked for large corporations and small companies, both public and private. I have worked primarily in the automotive industry but also time in the environmental and food industries. I have worked on many teams, on many projects and across diverse matters.

At this point in my life, I could live anywhere I chose. I choose to live in Camas. I believe myself well prepared to be a contributing member of the council. I am applying with no agenda in mind other than to help Camas be successful in managing its bright future. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Svilarich".

John Svilarich

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Camas, WA 98607

CIVIC EXPERIENCE

- Camas North Shore Citizens Advisory Committee
- Camas School Board Citizens Advisory Committee
- Deer Creek Homeowners Association Board of Directors
- Port of Camas/Washougal Waterfront Advisory Committee
- Camas School District Long Term Facilities Planning Committee
- Camas Website Test User
- Portland Pioneer Square Board of Directors
- Friends of Trees Certified Crew Leader
- Kiwanis and Rotary Volunteer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Responsible for management roles in the automotive, environmental and food industries. I have extensive experience with group dynamics and individual motivation. I understand finances, communication systems, marketing and logistics. Lastly, I'm proficient in both planning and regulatory matters.

My work is diversified across local, regional, national and even international channels.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Marketing and Finance
California State University, Sacramento

Numerous certifications and training including technology, management, software and process

SKILLS

Clear and effective communicator.

An active listener.

Experienced group facilitator and collaborator.

Successful community volunteer and leader.

Proven Problem Solver.

Fair and empathetic.

PERSONAL

Father of two (and we all like each other).

Lover of the outdoors and the PNW.

Fond of good food and dogs.

Known to BBQ in all kinds of weather.

Perpetual learner.

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

State of Washington }
County of Clark } ss.
City of Camas }

DECLARATION

I, John V. Svilarich, declare that I am a registered voter
residing at [REDACTED], City of Camas, Clark County,
State of Washington. I further declare that I am legally qualified to assume the office of
COUNCIL MEMBER, if selected. I hereby request that my name be placed before the City Council, as a
candidate.

AFFIDAVIT

FURTHER, I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the
United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and the Ordinances of
the City of Camas.

John V. Svilarich
Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of JANUARY, 2022.

(SEAL)

BARBARA J. KELSO
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION NUMBER 187067
COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 01, 2024

Barbara J. Kelso
Signature of Acknowledging Official
Notary Public
Title of Acknowledging Official