



## Application for Appointment to Council

### Duties and Responsibilities

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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 13, 2023 (Monday):** Special Meeting at 4:30 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, 2022. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Camas, WA 98607

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

## Application

**First Name \*** Megan

**Last Name \*** Bynum

**Physical Home Address \***

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Camas

Postal / Zip Code

98607

State / Province / Region

WA

Country

United States

**Email \***

**Contact Phone \***

**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?  
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**Voter Registration Card\***

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

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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?  
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How long have you been a resident of the City of Camas?  
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How long have you lived at your current address?  
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**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**

1 year

**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?

Yes

**Washington State Qualification\***

I am legally qualified to serve in this capacity.

Yes

**Attachment Cover Letter\***

City council letter.docx  
(1 page limit)

15.46KB

**Attachment Resume\***

Resume 2022.docx  
(2 page limit)

16.88KB

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](http://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.

*Megan A. Dymun*



## 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?

Because I care so deeply for our community and I want to be a part of the process of shaping the community where I intend to spend the rest of my life.

**Question 2. \***

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

I am a skilled negotiator with training in drafting and implementing legislation. I am excellent in collaborative situations and have strong leadership skills.

**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 not served on other legislative bodies. I am a current member of the Clark County Bar Association and serve on one subcommittee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity. I am seeking membership on a second subcommittee for Judicial mentorship. I am also a member of Washington Women Lawyers,

**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 for Camas in five years is one where we have not only recovered from the after-effects of the pandemic but we are thriving. Currently I think we have some significant issue balancing infrastructure with preservation of green spaces. I would like to see a balanced and measured approach to growth that addresses the need for more affordable housing while preserving parks and green spaces. I think it needs to be an absolute priority that we continue to work to improve traffic and transportation issues as well as efforts to reduce crime. I would also like to see a more cohesive vision for Crown Park and other central features of our community.

**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?

Affordable housing and balanced development. I think we need to look at financial incentives for builders who focus on middle income residential development and to try and reduce the influx of out-of-state investors snapping up houses as rental investment property. I am not an all-or-nothing person and I think there is some benefit to the having out-of-state investment like an abundance of rental property in a tight market, but I think we have gone to an extreme where typical middle-income families are being priced out of the market and thus out of our community. This impacts the character of our community and creates a lack of diversity of viewpoints and backgrounds.

## Declaration and Affidavit

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Click the link below to download the affidavit form:

[Declaration and Affidavit of Candidacy](#)

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

Megan Bynum

Camas, WA 98607

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To whom it may concern-

I would like to express my interest in serving the on the Camas City Council. I am a relatively new member of the community. I moved to Camas from Indiana in July of 2018. I have family in the Portland area but had never been to Washington until the day we moved, and I chose Camas based on a dart thrown at a map and a picture of our perfect downtown that I found through a Google search. As crazy as that may sound, I cannot count the number of times I have felt immense gratitude for that dart having placed me and my two children here in our wonderful little city.

I am a local attorney and a member of the Clark County Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association and the Oregon State Bar Association. I am also a member of the CCBA-Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Washington Women Lawyers. Though I am new to this community, Camas is home and the place that I plan to live, work, retire and watch my children and their children make their way in the world. I would love the opportunity to lend my voice to help steer our community into the future. Though 2020 is behind us, it has left our community, the state, the country and the world with many new and unexpected challenges, including supply-chain problems, educational deficits in our children, workforce disruption, economic issues and a sense of skepticism about our governments, and our elected leaders' ability to lead.

I think the job of all city government must be restoring faith in those chosen to govern and building a sense of cohesion that crosses party lines and unites our community around a common vision for the future. As an attorney, I spend my days trying to bring multiple sides and points of view together. I have experience in jurisprudence, an understanding of the legislative process and an appreciation for the amount of work and compromise it can take to move any initiative forward. As a parent and a member of the community, I feel like I have a good understanding of the kinds of issues that matter to our citizenry and of the fact that though we may have different political ideologies, at the end of the day, we are all just trying to make a home for our families to thrive and grow.

I look forward to speaking with the selection committee further about the opportunity to serve as a member of the Camas City Council.

Very Truly Yours,

Megan A. Bynum

## **Megan A. Bynum**

Camas, WA, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Member of Washington and Oregon State Bar Associations. Educated and trained in healthcare administration and law, specialized training in both governance and general corporate law, including in-house and plaintiff-side legal issues, strategic planning, legislation, government relations and compliance. I am passionate about legislative and regulatory issues in the post-Covid legal landscape.

### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- Legal Compliance
- Statutory and legal research
- Drafting
- Oratory Communication
- Preparation of trial memoranda
- Strategy Development
- Strategic planning

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Mandarich Law Group, LLP, Washougal, Washington**

**2022-Current**

Associate Attorney. Litigation throughout the state of Washington, drafting and document review, suit preparation, legal research, arbitration and settlement.

#### **Nelson and Kennard, LLP McClellan, California (remote)**

**2021-2022**

Associate Attorney. Drafted and reviewed documents performed suit analysis, litigation and legal research.

#### **Law Clerk, Vissing Law, Jeffersonville Indiana**

**2018**

Drafted and responded to complaints and pleadings, met with clients about ongoing cases, conducted extensive legal research and wrote discovery.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Louisville-Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, Ky.**

J.D. in Law 2018.

#### **Ottawa University, Ottawa Kansas**

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration  
Cum Laude

#### **Indiana University-**

Completed three years of coursework in Philosophy and Pre-law.

### **Activities and Honors**

Treasurer, Health Law Society, Brandeis School of Law, Three-time CALI award recipient for highest grade in a course- Bioethics, Jurisprudence, and Dispute Resolution, Pi Alpha Delta Pre-law chapter Vice President.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Pets Alive**-founding member of a local organization that provided low cost spay and neuter and veterinary services for low-income pet owners.

**Hospice of Bloomington**- Patient care volunteer, helped provide non-medical services to patients during end of life transition.

**Community Kitchen**- Helped to prepare and serve meals for homeless members of my community

**Aqua Viva Children's Home-Guatemala**- Served as a member of a delegation that traveled to Guatemala to perform construction and grounds-keeping work at a home/school for orphaned children.

### **Committees and Memberships**

**Clark County Bar Association**- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Washington Women Lawyers



## DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

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

### DECLARATION

I, Megan A Benum, 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.

  
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Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of January ~~2022~~: 2023

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Signature of Acknowledging Official

notary  
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Title of Acknowledging Official