



Application for - CITY COUNCIL - Ward- #3

Name (Full)	<u>Larry Allan Larimer</u>			<i>Please Print Clearly</i>
Address	<u>[REDACTED], Camas, WA 98607</u>			
Contact Phone	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	Other Phone	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	
E-Mail Address	<u>[REDACTED]</u>			

Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature					
<p>A Council Member for the City of Camas must reside within City limits and be a registered voter in Camas, Washington. To be eligible for appointment to a Council vacancy, applicants must have lived in the City of Camas for 12 consecutive months prior to being appointed to office.</p> <p>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.</p>					
Signature	<u>Larry Larimer</u>		Date	<u>1/30/2023</u>	
Additional Information					
Are you a registered voter in Camas, WA?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO			
Are you a resident of Ward 3 in the City of Camas?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO			
How long have you been a resident of the City of Camas?	<u>21.5 yrs.</u>				
How long have you lived at your current address?	<u>21.5 yrs.</u>				
If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address:					
Previous address & length of time at address -					
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?	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO			
I confirm that I am legally qualified to serve in this capacity.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO			

Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City of Camas City Hall (616 NE 4th Avenue) **no later than 5:00 pm on February 1, 2023.** Applications received after 5:00 pm will not be accepted.

The application and attachments should be sent to:

Clerk's Office

Camas City Hall

616 NE 4th Avenue

Camas, WA 98607

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

January 30, 2023

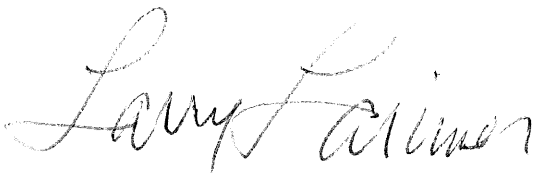
Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Camas,

Please accept this letter as indication that I am interested in applying for the open position of City Council Member for Ward 3. I served the City as the Deputy Fire Chief beginning in June of 2001. I was appointed Interim Fire Chief in February of 2004 when Chief Artz retired and served in that capacity until Chief Leon was hired nine months later. I resumed my duties as Deputy Chief until the City approved the addition of 3 Battalion Chiefs to provide 24 hour coverage of our City and the ambulance service district including the City of Washougal and the unincorporated area served by East County Fire & Rescue. I voluntarily demoted to one of those Battalion Chief positions because, after discussion with the Fire Chief, we determined that would best serve the Department, City, and our service area.

That decision was not entirely altruistic. I consider myself a very good coach and instructor as you will read later in my answers to the supplemental questions. The position of Battalion Chief gave me much more access to the members of the Fire Department before, during, and after emergency responses and non-emergent contact with members of the public and other stakeholders. I had the pleasure and honor to coach many of our non-officers to develop the skills and abilities to serve as Acting Captain when the Captain was off duty. Additionally, I mentored the rated Captains to serve as Acting Battalion Chief when I was absent. It was very satisfying to assist the development of the motivated people who serve the City still. Perhaps more importantly, I learned so much from them! We have a Fire Department filled with awesome people who are dedicated to service.

I had experience with budget preparation and administration. I enforced the Collective Bargaining Agreement. I wrote annual performance evaluations on the Officers subordinate to me. I was the Incident Commander for more complex emergency responses. I managed the schedule and approved or denied leave requests. I cooked a lot of meals because our people were very busy with medical calls and well-fed firefighters perform better! I loved serving my shift and my city. I miss actively serving and hope that you will consider me for this position so that I might find the opportunity to serve the City of Camas again.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Larimer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Larry Larimer

Larry Larimer

SEEKING APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL

Camas, WA 98607

Dedicated worker with excellent communication, time management and people skills. Aiming to leverage my abilities to successfully fill the vacancy on the City Council.

EXPERIENCE

BATTALION CHIEF

Camas-Washougal Fire Department

Camas, WA

June 2001 - June 2018

- Assigned firefighters to jobs at strategic locations to facilitate mission objectives.
- Scheduled employee work assignments and set work priorities.
- Evaluated performance of assigned firefighting personnel.
- Recommended personnel actions related to disciplinary procedures, performance, and grievances.
- Enforced adherence of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Budget development and management.

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (A.S.) IN FIRE SCIENCE

San Diego Miramar Community College, **San Diego, CA**

May 1985

SKILLS

- Community Relations
- Staff Scheduling
- Critical Thinking
- Manage Budgets
- Workload Prioritization
- Crisis Communications
- Emergency Management
- Corrective Actions

Answers to Supplemental Questions

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

I have the desire to serve our city. I retired from the Fire Department in 2018 and believe that I could be an asset. I'm sure there's a lot for me to learn in order to be effective on the City Council, but I'm a fast learner and I'm not afraid to ask questions of other Council members and city staff. I see our city being well managed and would like to be a part of seeing that continue and to be prepared to deal with the inevitable challenges ahead.

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

I have experience in budget preparation and management for the Fire Department. My career required that I have strong problem solving, communication, and resource management skills. As a firefighter, baseball coach and umpire, I learned to accept criticism and feedback in order to benefit the team. I prize teamwork and mission fulfillment.

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.

My first experience in public service began as a wildland firefighter for the California Department of Forestry in the summers of 1973 and 1974. I was hired by the Santee Fire Department in 1975. I served as a firefighter, firefighter/ paramedic, and fire captain/paramedic. As a part-time job, I worked for LifeFlight San Diego 1998-1994. In 2000 I was elected to the Board of Directors for the Lakeside Fire Protection District. I resigned my seat to accept the offer of Deputy Chief for the City of Camas Fire Department in 2001. As stated above, I coached and umpired youth baseball beginning in 1989 through 1999. I umpired youth baseball for Camas Little League for 3 years beginning in 2002. I have experience as a pitching coach and helped some of the teams in an unofficial capacity. Jason Pond, the manager of the 9-10 All Stars (I think in 2017 and 2018) asked me to help with his pitchers. We were successful in helping those teams make it to state.

I served on the Executive Board for The Living Truth Fellowship, an international Christian teaching and fellowship ministry 2012-2014. I assisted with the business side of the ministry as well as writing and editing some of the teaching materials. I am currently on the Board of Advisors for HOPE, an advocacy and support group for caregivers of dementia and/or Alzheimer's patients. My duties for them have been to attend board meetings and offer feedback mostly from an Emergency Responder's point of view. I occasionally get calls to facilitate non-emergency advice from Fire/EMS or Law Enforcement. My duties with HOPE have diminished somewhat since they merged with a

much larger non-profit organization. I anticipate that the Advisory Board will be dissolved in the not too distant future. I have offered to continue to be a resource.

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

I would like to see Nan Henriksen's great vision expanded upon. I have worked and lived in communities that provided housing for nearby cities with more diverse revenue bases. Without a more robust business presence we are very dependent on property tax. Our city could benefit from seeking businesses that might improve our revenue stream. Clearly this becomes a balancing act with embracing growth while maintain the quality of life that the citizens of Camas expect and deserve.

When I first came to Camas there was an organization comprised of many neighborhood associations. I don't think it exists any longer but I would try to revive it beginning in Ward 3. I would make it a personal goal to meet with any associations that are currently active and attempt to revive participation in those that are not. I believe in giving people the opportunity to participate and develop a sense of ownership. I know that may be naïve, but I'd like to try to do something to minimize the divisive rhetoric I see on some of the social media sites.

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?

First, Camas has several infrastructure challenges. Many of our streets need repair. The recent discovery of PFAs in one of our wells creates a challenge of its own. Above ground electrical lines continue to present hazards during extreme weather events. These and other heavy fiscal challenges need to be evaluated to balance our revenue/expenditure decisions. We need to look carefully at the expenditure side as we move to meet these and other challenges while diversifying our revenues.

Camas schools have been and are critical to our kids and our city. We should strengthen our partnerships with our School Board to ensure that we continue to provide the quality of education that prepares our future leaders with the skills to contribute to our community. I have seen some unpleasant exchanges on social media that make me uncomfortable. Our School Board deserves our strong support to meet these challenges.

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

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

DECLARATION

I, Larry Alarimer, 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.

Larry Alarimer
Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 2023.

(SEAL)



M A Mikols
Signature of Acknowledging Official

NOTARY PUBLIC
Title of Acknowledging Official