



**CITY OF FRUITA  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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BOARD OR COMMISSION: Livability Commission

NAME: Sheila Adamson

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 

City	State	Zip
Fruita	CO	81521

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How long have you been a resident of Fruita? approx. 12 weeks / lived in the valley for over 15 years

Occupation/Employer: District Attorney's Office

List any volunteer and/or work experience:

see CV

Are you presently serving on a board or commission? If so, which one(s)?

No

Why do you want to be a member of this board or commission?

I believe in actively participating in my community.

List any abilities, skills, or interests which are applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying.

see CV

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Are you committed to attending meetings?  Yes  No

Are you committed to serving an entire term?  Yes  No

Please specify any activities which might create serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to a particular board or commission. (If unsure, please call the City Manager's office at 858-3663)

None.

List any licenses, certificates or other specialized training applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying.

see CV

Additional information or references you believe may be helpful in considering your application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8/30/2022

All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a regularly scheduled meeting of the board or commission for which they are applying. Frequent non-attendance may result in termination of the appointment.

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**ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION MUST BE LIMITED TO TWO PAGES**

Please feel free to submit a resume along with this application. Application and any attachments should be returned to the Fruita City Council c/o the City Clerk, 325 E. Aspen, Fruita, CO 81521. Although we have indicated the best time to apply for a particular board, we accept applications for any of the boards year-round. Thank you.

**From:** [Sheila Adamson](#)  
**To:** [Debra Woods](#)  
**Subject:** Application for Livability Commission  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022 4:51:45 PM  
**Attachments:** [Fruita Commission App.pdf](#)  
[SMA 8 2022.pdf](#)

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Hello, Ms. Woods. I am submitting an application to be part of the Fruita Livability Commission. I have been in the Grand Valley for some time and recently moved to Fruita. I am completely enjoying the charm and "small town" feel that Fruita offers. Two of my favorites include layout and activities. As for layout, the proximity of a bank, grocery store, pharmacy, etc. allows me to bicycle anywhere that is necessary. It is refreshing to leave my car in the garage. As for activities, the Thursday night concerts at the Civic Center are so enjoyable. The music, grass to play on, and others sharing in the experience are wonderful. My two boys, now adults, grew up experiencing this wholesome activity. I realize that the valley is growing--including Fruita. I would like to be part of the process that shapes that growth. We have something special in the valley, maybe even more special in Fruita. We can grow and still preserve what makes Fruita special.

If the application and CV that I have attached to my email do not answer the questions you have, I would be happy to speak with you over the phone or via email. Please confirm receipt of this email and attachments. Thank you!

Kind Regards,  
Sheila Adamson

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# Sheila Adamson

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Skilled and highly-motivated community member wishes to collaborate with others to ensure that Fruita, Colorado, remains a cherished and livable community.

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## Experiences in the Workforce

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Deputy District Attorney, 21st Judicial District

Grand Junction, CO

September 2020 to present

As a County Court Deputy District Attorney, I managed a busy County Court docket. The job required strong organizational skills alongside several other essential skills. I was recently promoted to the Juvenile docket.

Certified Elementary Teacher, MVSD 51

Grand Junction, CO

August 2017 to September 2020

As a Certified Teacher in a 5th grade general education classroom, my colleagues and I helped students expand and strengthen their academic and social/emotional abilities. The position required several skills and dispositions: a collaborative mindset, strong classroom management, a clear understanding of desired outcomes, flexibility in executing plans for those desired outcomes, communication that resulted in understanding, and an ability to build connections with students.

Student Teacher, MVSD 51

Grand Junction, CO

August 2016 to May 2017

Mediator, Western Slope Mediation, LLC

Grand Junction, CO

February 2016 to September 2020

As a mediator, I facilitated settlement meetings between parties and drafted MOUs to reflect parties' agreements. Active listening, insightful observation, assisting parties to more clearly articulate their positions, and creative suggestions that meet parties' seemingly conflicting desires were necessary for successful outcomes.

Substitute Teacher, MVSD 51

Grand Junction, CO

October 2014 to May 2016

Legal Assistant / Junior Attorney, Daniels and Sturges, LLC

Grand Junction, CO

September 2013 to October 2014

As a junior attorney, I was assigned a caseload by the retained attorney. Duties included client communication, conducting legal research, performing legal analysis, drafting legal documents, and making court appearances occasionally. To improve communication between myself and the lead attorney, I implemented a process to supplement the existing process. The private practice focused primarily on family law.

Principal Attorney for Law firm, Sheila M.A. Winnefeld, LLC

Zanesville, OH

September 2004 to February 2006

As the principal attorney, I managed all aspects of clients' cases. My duties as a criminal defense attorney included client communication, conducting legal research, performing legal analysis, drafting legal documents, attending court facilitated negotiations, and acting as clients' counsel at trial.

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### Achievements in Education

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Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Teacher Licensure and M.A. in Education, respectively May and December 2017

Capital University Law School, Columbus, OH

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2003

Activities:

- Ohio Attorney General's Office, internship Spring 2002. At the Ohio Attorney General's office, I worked with staff attorneys in the Health and Human Services section. Each staff attorney in the section was assigned specific state agencies to advise and represent in legal matters. While there, I conducted legal research, wrote internal office memos, and shadowed attorneys as they performed their role as general counsel.
- Research Assistant, Summer 2001. I conducted research under the supervision of Professor Douglas Wells related to property ownership and affirmative action as restitution for racial discrimination.

Honors:

- Order of the Curia, Beta Court, National Honor Legal Fraternity
- Invited to write for Law Review

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA

B.A., *summa cum laude*, History, May 1999

Honors:

- Outstanding History Department Senior Award
- Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society
- Alpha Chi, National Honor Scholarship Society