



## APPLICATION FORM GLADSTONE CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Please use this form to express your interest in serving on a particular board/committee or commission. You may attach additional material if you wish. For information on vacancies and board/committee bylaws, please visit [www.gladstonemi.org](http://www.gladstonemi.org), call 906-428-2311 or e-mail [kberry@gladstonemi.org](mailto:kberry@gladstonemi.org). Please note that applications are kept on file for six months. The Gladstone City Commission makes appointments to City Boards at their regular meetings as vacancies occur. Completed applications are public documents and are subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Are you a registered voter in the City of Gladstone? *	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been a City resident for at least 12 months?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently in default to the City of Gladstone?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are you related to any elected City Commissioner (including by marriage)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

\*According to the City Charter, each member appointed by the City Commission shall be a qualified and registered elector of the city on such day and throughout the member's tenure of office.

Name of City Board or Committee: If applying for more than one board/committee, please list order of preference:

- 1) Planning Commission
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name as it Appears on License: Jennifer Harding, my maiden name is Ostlund

Driver's License Number: [REDACTED]

Home Address: 1204 Lake Shore Drive, Gladstone Phone: 708.860.7800

Occupation: Realtor Business: Coldwell Banker Schmidt

Business Address: 110 N. 13th St, Escanaba Phone: 708.860.7800

E-Mail Address: jen.r.harding@gmail.com

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee? If so, please list and give approximate dates. No

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Education/Credentials: Michigan State University, BS Packaging

University of Illinois, Chicago, Juris Doctor, Certificate of Real Estate Law

Licensed Realtor for 15 years in Illinois, 2 years in Michigan

Professional activities that relate to this board/committee: \_\_\_\_\_

I sell residential and commercial real estate; property development, housing inventory and community prosperity are all integral to my business.

Community activities that relate to this board/committee: \_\_\_\_\_

I volunteered with the La Grange Business Association for many years assisting with community events including art fairs, holiday walks and summer art installations. All of these events promoted the downtown businesses and created community growth.

Why are you interested in serving on this board/committee? \_\_\_\_\_

I am committed to Gladstone. I would like to facilitate growth and development that will have a positive effect on residents and the town. I grew up when Gladstone had a vibrant downtown with multiple retail businesses and restaurants. I think Gladstone has the ability to attract new businesses and residents to build a more robust community while preserving the local lifestyle.

What talents or experience would you bring to the board/committee? \_\_\_\_\_

I have a technical background. I started my career in manufacturing writing ISO compliance documentation. I then went into package design where I was involved in patent creation, which sparked my interest in law. At law school I changed my focus to land development and took extra classes to get the Certificate in Real Estate Law where I wrote master plans, learned about zoning and was introduced to property development. I interned with the city of Niles to address their real estate holdings. The market crashed when I graduated law school sending me into family law rather than development. I became a realtor to learn a few things while I waited for the market to recover, but I really enjoyed real estate sales and have been at it for 15 years.

Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Commissioners? \_\_\_\_\_

I am very interested in the position. I would bring experience in real estate sales, community involvement and a fresh perspective on development based on traveling and living in multiple cities and towns.

Are you involved in any personal, professional or business pursuit that would affect your ability to make fair and impartial recommendations as a member of a City advisory board or committee? Yes ☐ No ☒

**Appointed members are expected to attend all meetings of the board/committee. A member who misses more than 3 consecutive meetings or 1/3 of all meetings will tender their resignation to the board/committee chair.** Are you aware of the meeting schedule and are you available to attend regularly scheduled meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐

*Jennifer Harding*

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Signature

Date

I certify that there are no misrepresentations, omissions or falsifications on this application and by signing this application I give consent to the City to conduct a background check to verify the information I have provided.

Please return this form with any attachments to:  
kberry@gladstonemi.org; fax to: 906-428-3122; or mail to: City Clerk's  
Office, Gladstone City Hall, Gladstone, MI 49837.

**Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer board or committee member. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.**