



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, call 906-428-2311 or e-mail 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 ☒ No ☐

Have you been a City resident for at least 12 months?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you currently in default to the City of Gladstone?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Are you related to any elected City Commissioner (including by marriage)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

*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: Robert Everett Pontius

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Occupation: Investor Business: Self-employed

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Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee? If so, please list and give approximate dates.

Gladstone City Commission May 2021-present.

(over)

Education/Credentials: Graduate Certificate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Master of Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Bachelor of Arts, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

2016 Delta Force - Delta County Community Leadership Academy graduate

Professional activities that relate to this board/committee: Economic and Community Development, Grant-writing
Advanced manufacturing support, entrepreneurial/startup support, design and urban planning, workforce development,
technology and new product development, financial analysis.

Community activities that relate to this board/committee: Gladstone City Commission

Past member, Advisory committee on Efficiency, Renewables and Environment, Alger Delta Electric

Workforce Development board member, economic development liason - Fincantieri Marinette Marine

Makerspace/incubator 501(c)(3) board member

Why are you interested in serving on this board/committee? Gladstone is home and I would like to
contribute my time, talents, and experience to make sure it continues to be a great place for my kids to grow up and flourish.

What talents or experience would you bring to the board/committee? Extensive experience in
economic and community development - adept at managing complex business-government relationships and developing
collaborative private-public partnerships. Strong talents and experience in design-thinking with coursework at Illinois Institute of Technology
and MIT in Industrial Design.

Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Commissioners?
Adept in multiple technical subjects including GIS, 3D CAD, Design-Thinking, AI, additive manufacturing, grant-writing, financing, etc.

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 ☐

Signature *Robert E. Pontius*

August 25, 2025

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.