



APPLICATION FORM FOR CITY COUNCIL VACANCY Please Return To:

City of Independence, IA

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Date 2/25/2025_____

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Regular attendance at scheduled Council meetings is expected of all Council members. Please consider the time commitment when applying for this position.

This form assists the City Council in evaluating the qualifications of applicants for appointments.

Place of employment and position (and/or activities such as hobbies, volunteer work, etc. that you feel may qualify you for this position):

Black Hawk County Emergency Management & BHC Public Health

Hobbies: travel, anything outdoors, enjoying local parks and businesses

Volunteer: Former IFD member, P&Z member, Community Development (former member), Magistrate

Commission, Stop The Bleed instructor, Health Emergency Coalition of Buchanan County. Buchanan County Critical Incident Stress Management team.

How much time will you be willing to devote in this position?

As much as necessary to make the council continue to run successfully.

How would you answer the question: What makes a good council member?

Listen. Listen to the community. Listen to other council members. Listen to anyone that has something to say. Do not ignore or put off anyone wishing to voice their thoughts to you. Work well with the rest of the council and Mayor. A good council member will represent the city in good faith and in a respectful manner.

Interest in Appointment:

Describe in detail why you are interested in serving on the City Council. Include information about your background that supports your interest.

I have been interested for a very long time. I have always been happy with my ward representation in the past so I never ran. I have been on the Planning and zoning commission for two terms now and love the work that we do there. I was on the Trees Forever Community Betterment project and we came up with some great things. My first council meeting, I asked the city to put stop signs instead of yield signs along 3rd st SW because of the school bicycle route. This was approved with little effort. While safety officer on the fire department, I saw three different chiefs, all with different ideas. There was never a bad idea. I have always enjoyed working with the different department heads in our city. I want to work closely with all departments to provide the best for the residents of Independence.

List Prior Service as an elected and/or appointed public official. Include Where, when, and what capacity.

Iowa Region 6 Local Emergency Planning Committee – Former Vice-chair

Black Hawk County Healthcare Coalition – Current Chair

Magistrate Commission – Current Member

Independence Planning & Zoning – Current member

Independence Fire Department – former Safety Officer (2016-2024)

Contributions you feel you can make to the City Council:

Bring emergency preparedness knowledge of Iowa 5th largest county to the table. Work with the public and listen to their concerns. Work well with the council and Mayor. Work well with all city and county officials. Never having been in politics, I can bring a fresh outlook to the mix. In the 13 years I have lived in Independence (in the same house), I have loved every minute of it. I love this city and want to be a part of other people's reasons to love it. As a part of the committee that worked with Trees Forever and ISU on the West-end development, I have a good understanding of what the people of this ward/area want to see. I want to see the city progress into being a top desired community to live, work and play in Iowa. I am very approachable and know many people. People are not afraid to talk to me.

Direction/role you perceive of the City Council:

I perceive the council along with myself maintaining the integrity of the council. Continuing to make Independence a great city is a top priority. Working together with various points of view and opinions is imperative to making a city run smoothly. I feel that should and will continue. Any issues that arise within the city will be addressed when brought to council and handled in the most appropriate manner that does the most good for the city and the residents.

Will you run for council seat if a special election is demanded following appointment?

X Yes ___ No

Do you intend to run upon completion of the appointed term?

X Yes ___ No

In lieu of or in addition to the above, do you have any comments to add that may assist the City Council in its selection?

The only thing that I could add is that I would be honored to devote my time to the people of the 5th ward and the entire city of Independence.


Please provide two references that may be contacted about your qualifications for this position.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Email Address	Relationship
Chris Hare	334 1 st N Winthrop, IA 50682	319-327-1916	Chare@co.buchanan.ia.us	Friend/colleague
Tai Burkhardt	5096 32 nd Ave Walker, IA 52352	319-310-0759	tburkhart@blackhawkcoun-ty.iowa.gov	Friend/co-worker

I certify that there is nothing that would prohibit me from serving on the City Council.

Signature

Date


2-25-2025

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