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TOWN OF JEROME

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APPLICATION TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION OR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

We understand you are interested in serving on one of the Town boards or commissions. We appreciate your volunteering. Such service is vital to the community and we hope this will reward you with a better understanding of your local government and a sense that, through your efforts, Jerome will be a better place to live. We are delighted to hear of your willingness to help.

Name: **Kenneth "Scott" McCoy**

Date: **July 1, 2026**

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Which board or commission would you prefer to join? **Board of Adjustment**

How long have you resided in Jerome? **2+ Years**

Have you read Jerome's present Zoning Ordinance?

Yes

Have you read Jerome's Comprehensive Plan? **Yes**

Do you have previous experience on any of our boards or commissions? **No previous experience with Jerome boards and commissions.**

If yes, which ones? **N/A**

Have you served on similar committees, councils, boards, etc. in other communities? Which? When? Where? **I have served on a number of public and private boards and commissions over the last 25 years including the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Examinations/Examiner (Phoenix, Oct. 2004-Oct. 2011); Fighter County Partnership Board of Directors/Board Member (Phoenix 2002-2006); Foundation for Service Support Dogs/Board Member (Phoenix 2005-2007). I have also advised hundreds of public board and commission meetings over the last 25 years including the City of Phoenix Planning and Zoning Commission, Phoenix Village Planning Committees; Phoenix City Council; Chandler City Council and Planning Commission; Yuma City Council and Planning Commission; Cottonwood City Council; Surprise City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Merit Board; City of Buckeye City Council, Planning Commission, Merit Board; Casa Grande City Council, Planning Commission. Personnel Board, Board of Adjustment and many**

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other government boards and commissions in Arizona.

Please list any or all background information that would enhance your qualifications to serve.

I have practiced law in Arizona and Colorado since 1999. My practice areas include government and municipal law with an emphasis on contracts, land use, zoning and real estate. My experience includes public finance, impact fees, annexation law, improvement districts, general municipal law, election law, contract and procurement law, open meeting law and code enforcement.

In my legal career I have served as the City Council appointed City Attorney for the cities of Buckeye, Casa Grande and Surprise and served as the Assistant City Attorney for the cities of Yuma and Chandler. Additionally, I have previously worked in private practice, providing comprehensive legal services on a wide range of government matters for municipal and county clients.

Briefly state your reasons for wanting to serve at this time.

I have always had a desire to serve on a public board in the community I live in but have been unable due to my employment. I enjoy contributing to my community and public service is a way for me to accomplish that desire.

For Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment Applicants only:

What attracted you to Jerome? **The altitude, attitude, size, location, history and vibe of Jerome attracted me. I have been visiting Jerome since 1979 and was thrilled when I bought a home here and became a full-time resident of Jerome.**

What concerns, if any, do you have regarding the impact of growth on the town and its infrastructure? **I am not particularly concerned about the pace or direction of growth in Jerome. Change happens everywhere. I believe Jerome has the regulatory framework to evaluate growth proposals carefully and address any associated impacts adequately.**

As for infrastructure, in large and small communities the issue of aging infrastructure represents a significant challenge. Rapidly escalating construction, labor and maintenance costs, create affordability problems for elected officials and staff asked to maintain these facilities. Increasing costs coupled with legislation preempting Arizona cities and towns from creating new revenue streams and legislation wiping out entire categories of local communities revenue streams makes the situation even more dire. I do not think Jerome is immune to the impacts associated with rising costs and shrinking budgets and, consequently, I worry about Jerome's critical infrastructure.

What is your long-term "vision" for Jerome? Please explain your answer. **My vision for Jerome is to maintain the charm and appeal of Jerome while preserving the quality of life and creating opportunities for residents. In my view, the thing that makes Jerome such a gem is its history, architecture, size, and people. Preserving and honoring the history of Jerome and protecting its structures supports my vision of maintaining Jerome's charm. Regulating change responsibly by carefully considering growth proposals and creating economic/employment/residential options for residents supports my aspiration to preserve Jerome's quality of life and creating opportunities for residents.**

How important or not is the Historic Landmark Status of Jerome?

Great question. I have considered this before and am not sure I fully understand the pros and cons of the historic landmark designation of Jerome. I do think preserving Jerome's unique history is of vital importance and whatever tools are available to support that effort should be evaluated for efficacy.

If there were one major change you would like to see happen in this town, what would it be? **I don't know if I envision any major changes for Jerome. I like things the way they are.**

What qualities and qualifications do you feel you have that would make you an excellent member of the Planning & Zoning Commission or Board of Adjustment? I believe my background in land use will help me consider requests brought before the Board. I am a capable communicator, problem solver and critical thinker. I am also sensitive to how decisions of the Board may impact applicants, residents and elected officials and have cultivated a respectful and diplomatic demeanor that should serve me well as a Board member.

We feel it is very important to be knowledgeable about the laws, concepts and reasoning behind our Zoning Ordinance and general plan. Are you free enough and willing to read published materials and go to occasional conferences to enhance your ability to do a good job on the commission? **Of course, and incidentally, as part of my occupation, I routinely appear at land use law conferences as a presenter and attendee and by so doing I am able to stay abreast of emerging issues in land use law and regulation.**

Do you understand that your duty as a Commissioner or Board member is to give a fair and impartial hearing to each proposal or appeal based on its meeting the requirements of the Jerome Zoning Ordinance? **I understand those concepts completely.**

Give an example of a situation in which you have had to handle something under pressure that would relate to serving on this board. **I often am required to deliberate the merits and legalities of development proposals and provide legal advice to the decision makers charged with hearing the matter. This exercise of evaluating issues through a legal lens is precisely what Board and Commission members are asked to do in the discharge of their position.**
