

CITY OF LANSING KANSAS

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APPLICATION FOR LANSING BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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Please attach a written statement expressing your interest in being appointed to the Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals. Your written statement should address the following four topics:

1. Qualifications for the position.
2. Personal philosophy of the Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals.
3. Desired accomplishments as a Board of Zoning Appeals Member.
3. Willingness to attend meetings on an as needed basis.

Also, attach the name, address, and telephone number of three personal references.

This volunteer position is for the Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals for a three (3) term ending April 30, 2025. Applicants must be a resident of Lansing, at least 18 years of age, and a U.S. Citizen.

All applications should be returned to Lansing City Hall, marked to the "Attention of the City Clerk" no later than 5pm on March 31, 2022.

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Michael A. Suozzo- Statement in support of application for Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals

I request favorable consideration of my application for reappointment to the Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals. I have owned a home in Lansing since 1977 and have been a full-time resident for the past 31 years. I have watched the community grow over that period and want to continue giving something back. I requested, and was appointed to the Lansing Planning Commission in 1997 and the following year volunteered to be the Planning Commission Representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals and served as its president for 8 years (2012-2020).

I believe that a strong and coherent set of zoning ordinances, strictly enforced, are necessary to ensure the orderly and safe growth of Lansing. However, in a community like Lansing, which developed and grew over the past 100+ years, there are very diverse areas of the town; some areas are less than 10 years old, others much older. My philosophy as a member of the board is to apply common sense to each situation brought before the board for action. In the older areas of town strictly applying some of the zoning requirements would place an undue hardship on a home/property owner and, in some cases, due to actions taken prior to the current codes being enacted, it is difficult to comply exactly as outlined in the current codes.

The guiding principles in all decisions the board makes are; First: any decision made will not negatively affect the safety of our citizens. Second, a decision will not negatively affect the rights and property value of the surrounding home/land owners. Third, will the decision cause the petitioning home/business owner with an undue hardship? Applying these principles with some common sense is what I believe the board's mandate is.

In the 24 years I have been a member of the Zoning Appeals Board, I have only missed 4 or 5 meetings.

References:

Mr. Greg Robinson, 400 North Main St, Lansing, KS (913) 727-5800

Mr. Dave Anaya, 3121 Gilman Rd, Lansing, KS (913) 250-5029

Mr. Dale Baustain Oakbrook Drive, Lansing, KS (913) 683-5052