

CITY OF LANSING KANSAS

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APPLICATION FOR LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Name: Jerry Gies
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Please attach a one to two page written statement expressing your interest in being appointed to the Lansing Planning Commission. Your written statement should address the following four topics:

1. Qualifications for the position.
2. Personal philosophy of the Lansing Planning Commission and development in Lansing.
3. Desired accomplishments as a Lansing Planning Commission member.
4. Willingness to attend meetings.

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

This volunteer position is for the Lansing Planning Commission for a three (3) year term ending on April 30, 2025. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. Citizen. Applicants must also be a resident of the City of Lansing or live within the Urban Growth Management Area outside of city limits.

If necessary, applicants will be interviewed on **Thursday, April 21, 2022, at a Special Meeting by the Governing Body. **

All applications should be returned to Lansing City Hall, 800 First Terrace, marked "Attention of the City Clerk", no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2022.

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this is a reappointment*

I am applying for reappointment to the Lansing Planning Commission.

My qualifications include four years serving on the Commission and about 30 years working in the field of City Planning and Community Development. I am sure you know that I worked for the City of Leavenworth. When I retired we moved to Fairway Estates in Lansing. I am committed to serving the community where I live.

My philosophy for the role is to bring a citizens perspective but not however to be a voice for citizens. Although their concerns need to be reviewed the PC also must apply sound planning practices in keeping with Lansing plans and goals.

I am not of the belief that we need to rush to update the Comprehensive Plan. The community is not growing so fast that the plan is out of date. Additionally no new planning concepts need to be applied. If anything we may be ahead of the community with the UDO strongly supporting walkable neighborhoods, linkages etc that may be hard to implement.

One of the goals I would like to see is more direction concerning the amount and location of multi-family housing. I think amendments to the land use map concerning this issue are doable without updating the entire plan. Additionally and in lieu of a plan update I would like to see the City undertake a comprehensive review of the opinions and wishes of the citizens through a survey of some sort.

As an existing member of the PC, I have missed only a few meetings generally due to being out of town and pledge to attend as often as possible.

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REFERENCES:

Gene Kirby

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Keith Rickard

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