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Mineral, Virginia 23117

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Town of Mineral Town Council

312 Mineral Avenue
Mineral, Virginia 23117

RE: Letter of Interest — Vacant Town Council Seat

Dear Mayor and Members of Town Council:

I am writing to formally express my interest in being appointed to the vacant seat on the Mineral Town Council.

Having previously served on the Town Council and as Vice Mayor, I understand both the responsibilities of the position and the importance of having Council members who are prepared to work, ask difficult questions, listen to residents, and make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the Town as a whole.

My previous service has given me firsthand experience with municipal operations, budgeting and financial oversight, personnel matters, water and utility issues, infrastructure, economic development, public meetings, and the challenges facing a small town with limited resources. That experience would allow me to begin serving immediately without a lengthy learning curve.

I am seeking this appointment because I believe Mineral needs stability, accountability, transparency, and a renewed focus on conducting the business of the Town. Regardless of differences of opinion, Council must be able to work together professionally and keep the needs of residents, businesses, taxpayers, and the future of Mineral at the center of its decisions.

If appointed, my priorities would include strengthening financial oversight and accountability; protecting and improving the Town's water system and infrastructure; encouraging responsible economic and community development; improving communication and transparency with residents; establishing clear responsibilities and measurable goals for Council committees; supporting community events and beautification efforts; and ensuring that Town decisions are made through an open, consistent, and lawful process.

I also believe that serving on Town Council means being willing to show up, do the work, study the issues before voting, and be accountable to the people we represent. Council members will not always agree, nor should they. What matters is that disagreements remain focused on the issues and do not prevent the Town from conducting the people's business.

My commitment to Mineral did not end when my previous service on Council ended. I have continued

to follow Town matters closely, research issues affecting the Town, attend and participate in the governmental process, and advocate for responsible local government.

Mineral has significant decisions ahead concerning its finances, infrastructure, water system, administration, economic development, and long-term direction. I believe my previous Council experience, knowledge of Town government, and willingness to work collaboratively would allow me to make a meaningful contribution during this important period.

I respectfully ask the Mayor and Town Council to consider me for appointment to the vacant Town Council seat. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications, priorities, and vision for Mineral with Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

 **Nipper**
Former Vice Mayor and Town Council Member
Town of Mineral, Virginia