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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT

Thank you for your continued interest in serving on an advisory board or commission. The purpose of this form is to provide City Council members with comprehensive information about board or commission members who wish to be reappointed at the end of their term. Please provide thoughtful, detailed answers. City Council will make appointments based on this application and a two minute introductory speech given by all candidates during a City Council meeting. Boards and commissions candidate introductions typically take place in February, June, and December. This application will be kept on file for one year, and is open for public inspection upon request.

Name (Please print): William Bluford

Nickname, if preferred: Will

Address: 41868 Brownstone Dr., Novi, MI 48377

Preferred Phone Number: 248-505-4561 (Cell)

E-mail: will@bluford.net

Employed by: Huntington Technology

For which board or commission are you re-applying? Building Authority

Why would you like to continue to serve?

I would like to continue to serve the City of Novi because it has been home to my family since 2008. During that time, the Novi community has provided a high quality of life for myself and my family. My involvement in the Novi community began several years ago when I graduated from the inaugural class of the Novi Ambassador Academy. I remember Mayor Gatt saying that he had high hopes for the members of our class and that a good way to continue to serve the Novi community was to apply for boards and commissions. Attending the Ambassador Academy showed me what I already knew, that the citizens of Novi are invested in the community and will continue to make Novi the thriving community that it is today. Looking at Novi, I see all the traits that make a positive community and maintaining a positive community takes long-term commitment. And that's why I'd like to continue to serve, to continue my long-term commitment to making Novi a better community.

What are you proud of accomplishing during your term?

I was appointed to a full term on the Building Authority in March 2021 and have served since March 2019. Since the Building Authority meets on an as-needed basis, and the last scheduled meeting was in 2015, there have been no scheduled meetings since I was appointed. However, I do wish to continue to serve on the Building Authority or in any other capacity that the Council sees fit. I am confident that I will be able to share accomplishments once meetings are scheduled and I am able to serve.



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If reappointed, what do you hope to accomplish in your next term?

I feel that Novi is one of the best, if not the best, community in Michigan. And Fortune Magazine agrees with me, as Novi was named in its 2022 Best Places to Live for Families. As long as Novi remains a top-notch community, I will feel that I've done my part. That being said, I hope to accomplish whatever goals are set forth for the Building Authority when we are needed, and meetings are scheduled.

What do you want Council to know about your board or commission, and how can they assist your board or commission with its goals?

As mentioned above, the Building Authority meets on an as-needed basis and the last scheduled meeting was in 2015. I would like the Council to know that I am ready and willing to continue to serve on the Building Authority or in any other function as the Council sees fit.

Is there anything else you would like for Council to know about you and/or your work on the board or commission?

I have been a proud Novi resident for 15 years. In 2020, I joined the Novi CERT Team and am frequently asked to present to the CERT Team on Cybersecurity. Over the last several years, I have participated in the Novi Ambassador Academy, Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy and the Michigan State Police Academy. I became interested in volunteering after attending the inaugural class of the Ambassador Academy and that program taught me a great deal about the city government.

In my professional life, I am Vice President and co-founder at Huntington Technology, where I have worked for the last 22 years. We are an I.T. Managed Service Provider, and my role includes working with our clients to ensure their business and operational needs are being adequately supported through both processes and technologies.



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I understand I am volunteering my services with no monetary compensation or benefits. I understand I am not a City of Novi employee. I further understand the City of Novi is not obligated to accept my offer of volunteering service to the City of Novi. The City of Novi reserves the right to terminate my volunteer service at any time. I have read the Volunteer NOVI Guidebook and Policies. I will adhere to the policies and procedures of the City of Novi.

I authorize fingerprinting, criminal background checks, search of sex offender registry, and Department of Motor Vehicle checks as deemed necessary by the City of Novi. I authorize investigation of any matter contained in the application.

*I understand as a volunteer I am **NOT** covered under the City of Novi's Workers' Compensation Policy for any injury or accident sustained during my volunteer assignment. I understand I am to report any injury or accident immediately to my supervisor. I further understand any medical costs or other costs incurred as result of incident will be my responsibility. I further understand if I fail to report the injury or accident immediately to my supervisor I may be released from my current volunteer assignment and may be ineligible for any assignment in the future.*

I give the City of Novi permission to use, publish and republish, without compensation or obligation to me any photographs, videos or other media now in existence, which may be developed for future use along with reproduction of my likeness taken during my volunteer service to the City of Novi.

I declare under penalty of perjury all statements made in this application are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

W. M.

Signature

January 14, 2023

Date