

Application for Appointment to the Sandy City Council

Applications due: 4:00 p.m. September 25, 2024 at Sandy City Hall

Date: 11 September, 2024

Name: Michael Denis Thompson

Home Address: 19393 Oak Ave Sandy, Oregon 97055

Mailing Address (if different): _____

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City of Sandy

1. Are you a registered voter in the State of Oregon? Yes XX No _____

2. How long have you been a resident of Sandy?

(Applicant must have resided within Sandy city limits continuously for at least 12 months preceding the appointment; since at least October 21, 2023)

Month 10 Year 2017

3. Please list 3 personal or professional references who are not current City Council Members:

Name	Phone	Address
a. <u>Ross Smith</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED] Sandy, Oregon</u>
b. <u>Marlene Rattray</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED] Sandy, Oregon</u>
c. <u>Russell Hokanson</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED] Sandy, Oregon</u>

4. INTEREST STATEMENT: Why are you interested in serving on the City Council?

Since moving to Sandy in 2017 my wife and I have appreciated and enjoyed Sandy as a "small town" where we feel safe and comfortable. I would like to assist in maintaining Sandy as a desirable place to live and raise a family. I have no desire to become a politician, only to help recognize and identify problems and use common sense to propose solutions.

5. SKILLS: What skills, interest, or experience do you possess that you believe would bring value to the City Council?

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In my professional experience I have been responsible for developing capital expansion budgets of about \$1,000,000 annually and then overseeing the implementation of the budgets. I have had the responsibility of preparing preventative maintenance plans and supervising the maintenance departments in following these plans. In developing these capital budgets, I had the responsibility of working with local jurisdictions in determining what permits would be required and how to best obtain the required permits and inspections.

6. EMPLOYMENT: Please describe your employment history, especially as it may relate to serving in this position.

Following school, I started in mechanical engineering as a detail draftsman working for a subcontractor at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site leaving there as a Design Checker. I then worked as piping designer completing the piping design at Trojan Nuclear Power Plant in Ranier, Oregon. At the completion of Trojan, I worked for FMC completing the piping design for ocean going oil tankers for Chevron Shipping and after completion of the piping design I was a test engineer on these ships. As a test engineer I had to verify that various systems were fabricated correctly and then demonstrate that they functioned as intended.

I then worked for an aluminum wire and cable manufacturer where I was the Corporate Engineer having responsibility for plants in New York, California, Washington and Venezuela.

All of these positions required me to become a problem solver and to work effectively with others in finding and implementing solutions.

7. PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: Please list all previous experience relating to local, regional, or state government advisory boards, committees, or commissions.

Chairman of the Madison High School Advisory Board Budget Committee in Portland, Oregon

8. VISION: Please describe your vision for Sandy over the next 10, 20, 30 years. What are the most important opportunities our city needs to take advantage of?

Sandy, in my opinion, needs to maintain a "small town" feel and yet provide "large town" opportunities for growth and development. All plans and proposals need to be viewed, looking at what the consequences of those plans will be in 10, 20, or more years in the future. Plans should not be prepared using a "top down" approach but should be prepared by all stake holders in open dialog with a consensus approval approach.

The opportunities are the people of Sandy and they need to be involved in determining the future of Sandy.

9. CHALLENGES: What are the biggest challenges facing Sandy over the next few decades, and what are some of your ideas on how to address those challenges?

In my opinion there will be two major problems to be faced in the future.

First the plans for future growth must be weighed with the ability of the city to provide the required services, that would be safety (police and fire), water, sewage, and municipal transportation.

Second homelessness will be a continuing problem for the foreseeable future. This is a complex issue with a multitude of stakeholders involved that will have to work together to fashion the best possible solution. Some, if not most, of the root causes are outside of the responsibility of the city to solve, but the city should be involved in offering potential solutions to those who do have the responsibility and resources to help. It will be difficult to address the local problem without solving the root causes first.

10. COMMITMENT: Can you commit to attending all regular City Council meetings and special meetings (including Budget Committee) during your appointment (at least 2-3 evening meetings a month) or providing timely notice in the event of an occasional absence? I have the time and availability to attend all of the meetings. It is my intent to be actively involved if I am given the opportunity.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that no compensation will be paid by the City in connection with the services described herein. But if appointed I may receive reimbursement for eligible expenses.

I authorize the City to contact the listed references and any other contacts as may be necessary through those contacts, I release from liability my references for anything they may say about me.

I affirm that I am a registered voter in the State of Oregon, and that I have lived within Sandy city limits continuously since at least October 21, 2023. I understand that should either of the above points be demonstrated to be untrue, my application will be rejected by the City.

I understand that I may be required to verify any information provided in this application and I specifically declare that the information provided herein is true and accurate and I have not withheld or misstated any information relative to this application.

I understand that any misrepresentation or omission, as well as any misleading statements or omissions in this application, and in any related attachments, may result in my being considered ineligible for the position to which I have applied.

By signing this application voluntarily, I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and requirements as listed herein. I also understand that upon signing, this document will become a public record, will be reviewed by the City Council, and provided to the general public as part of a regular City Council Agenda packet. I agree to make myself available to be interviewed by the City Council at the regular City Council meeting to be held on October 21, 2024.

Michael Thompson
Applicant Signature

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Date

Return this application to the City Recorder by 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2024 via hand delivery to Sandy City Hall, 39250 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy OR, 97055. When you submit your application, please bring your state-issued photo ID.