CITY OF TOMBALL

APPLICATION FOR CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

As an Applicant for a City Board, Commission, or Committee, your application will be public information. You will be contacted before any appointments are considered to confirm your continued interest in serving. All appointments are made by the Tomball City Council. Incumbents whose terms expire may be automatically considered for reappointment unless they indicate non-interest or have been appointed to two (2) consecutive terms. A member who is absent for more than 25% of called meetings in any twelve consecutive months or absent from more than two consecutive meetings, for other than medical reasons, will be automatically removed from service. Applicant must be a citizen of the United States and must reside within the city limits of Tomball unless otherwise stated in the position announcement. Applications will be kept on file for two years and will expire at the end of two years; for instance, an application dated in 2022 will expire in 2024.

Please Type or Print Clearly:

Date: September 16, 2022

Name: Lisa A. Covington

Phone: (Home)

Address: 31202 Antonia Ln.

Phone: (Work)

City/State/Zip Tomball, TX 77375

Cell: (281) 799-1808

Email: LCovington926@yahoo.com

I have lived in Tomball 4 1/2 years.

I am X am not ___ a U.S. Citizen

Occupation: CPA

Professional and/or Community Activities: Member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Texas Society of CPAs. I am currently not directly involved in community activities in Tomball. But, Tomball has been my home for the majority of my life, and I would very much like to be given the opportunity to serve and give back through a Board appointment.

Additional Pertinent Information/References:
I believe my professional experience, love of the City of Tomball and faith will guide me to be a valuable member of a Board/Commission.

Please attach a short biography to this application.

Briefly tell us why you would like to be considered for appointment to a City of Tomball Board/Commission.
Please see the attached file with an explanation as to why I would like to be considered for appointment to a City of Tomball Board/Commission.

Please complete the attached Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ), Conflict of Interest Statement (CIS), Board Member Election on Disclosure, and Appendix D (page 33) *Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding* from the Boards, Commissions, and Committees Handbook.

Applications for the following Council-appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees will be kept on file in the City Secretary's office for two years.

If you are interested in serving on more than one board, please indicate your preference by numbering in order of preference (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Decision-Making Boards and Commissions	Meeting Information
(1) Planning & Zoning Commission	Second Monday each month, 6 p.m.
(4) Board of Adjustments	To Be Announced; Evenings
Separate Legal Entities	Meeting Information
(2) Tomball Economic Development Corporation	Six (6) regular scheduled meetings, usually on the second Tuesday of the Month, 5:30 p.m.; the annual meeting is in May (special meetings may be called)
(3) Tomball Regional Health Foundation	Fourth Wednesday each month, 4 p.m.
Ad Hoc/Advisory Committees	Meeting Information
(5) Downtown Tomball Advisory Committee DTAC does not require Tomball residency	As called
Non-profit Corporation Boards	Meeting Information
( ) Tomball Legacy Fund, Inc. Position 7, Tomball Legacy Fund, does not require Tomball residency	As called

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I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ABOVE-INDICATED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES.

Signature of Applicant
(Must be signed/signature typed in)

Please return this application to:

City Secretary
City of Tomball
401 Market Street
Tomball, TX 77375
cso@tomballtx.gov
office: 281-290-1002
fax: 281-351-6256

Attachments: Conflict of Interest Questionnaire
Conflict of Interest Statement
Election on Disclosure
Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding (Page 33, Handbook)

- No conflicts of Interest
- Not a Vendor - form is N/A

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM CIQ

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. *See* Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 **Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.**

2 ☐ **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 **Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.**

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Name of Officer

4 **Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.**

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5 **Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.**

6 ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

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_____ _____

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity Date

9/21/2021

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

(A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;

(B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or

(C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds $2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than $100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

FORM CIS

(Instructions for completing and filing this form are provided on the next page.)

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This is the notice to the appropriate local governmental entity that the following local government officer has become aware of facts that require the officer to file this statement in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 **Name of Local Government Officer**

2 **Office Held**

3 **Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code**

4 **Description of the nature and extent of each employment or other business relationship and each family relationship with vendor named in item 3.**

5 **List gifts accepted by the local government officer and any family member, if aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds $100 during the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B).**

Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____

Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____

Date Gift Accepted _____ Description of Gift _____

(attach additional forms as necessary)

6 **SIGNATURE** I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statement is true and correct. I acknowledge that the disclosure applies to each family member (as defined by Section 176.001(2), Local Government Code) of this local government officer. I also acknowledge that this statement covers the 12-month period described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code.

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Signature of Local Government Officer

Please complete either option below:

(1) Affidavit

NOTARY STAMP/SEAL

Sworn to and subscribed before me by _____ this the _____ day of _____, 20_____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of officer administering oath | Printed name of officer administering oath | Title of officer administering oath

OR

(2) Unsworn Declaration

My name is _____ and my date of birth is _____

My address is _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip code) _____ (country)

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____ (month), 20_____ (year)

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Signature of Local Government Officer (Declarant)

- Form is NA
- No conflicst of Interest
- Not a government Officer

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Section 176.003 of the Local Government Code requires certain local government officers to file this form. A "local government officer" is defined as a member of the governing body of a local governmental entity; a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or other person designated as the executive officer of a local governmental entity; or an agent of a local governmental entity who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting of a vendor. This form is required to be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of this statement.

A local government officer commits an offense if the officer knowingly violates Section 176.003, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

Refer to chapter 176 of the Local Government Code for detailed information regarding the requirement to file this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

The following numbers correspond to the numbered boxes on the other side.

1. Name of Local Government Officer. Enter the name of the local government officer filing this statement.

2. Office Held. Enter the name of the office held by the local government officer filing this statement.

3. Name of vendor described by Sections 176.001(7) and 176.003(a), Local Government Code. Enter the name of the vendor described by Section 176.001(7), Local Government Code, if the vendor: a) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code; b) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code; or c) has a family relationship with the local government officer as defined by Section 176.001(2-a), Local Government Code.

4. Description of the nature and extent of each employment or other business relationship and each family relationship with vendor named in item 3. Describe the nature and extent of the employment or other business relationship the vendor has with the local government officer or a family member of the officer as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A), Local Government Code, and each family relationship the vendor has with the local government officer as defined by Section 176.001(2-a), Local Government Code.

5. List gifts accepted, if the aggregate value of the gifts accepted from vendor named in item 3 exceeds $100. List gifts accepted during the 12-month period (described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), Local Government Code) by the local government officer or family member of the officer from the vendor named in item 3 that in the aggregate exceed $100 in value.

6. Signature. Signature of local government officer. Complete this section after you finish the rest of this report. You have the option to either: (1) take the completed form to a notary public where you will sign above the first line that says "Signature of Local Government Officer" (an electronic signature is not acceptable) and your signature will be notarized, or (2) sign above both lines that say "Signature of Local Government Officer (Declarant)" (an electronic signature is not acceptable), and fill out the unsworn declaration section.

Local Government Code § 176.001(2-a): "Family relationship" means a relationship between a person and another person within the third degree by consanguinity or the second degree by affinity, as those terms are defined by Subchapter B, Chapter 573, Government Code.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

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(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds $2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Board Member Election on Disclosure

An appointed Board Member may choose whether or not to allow public access to the information in the custody of the City relating to the Board Member's home address, home telephone number, cellular and pager numbers (if not paid for by City), emergency contact information, personal email address, and information that reveals whether the person has family members.

Each Board Member shall state his/her choice in writing to the City Secretary's Office. If a Board Member elects not to allow public access to this information, the information is protected by Sections 552.024 and 552.117 of the Public Information Act and rulings of the Texas Attorney General. If a Board Member fails to report his/her choice, the information may be subject to public access.

If during the course of their term a Board Member wishes to close or open public access to the information, the individual may request in writing to the City Secretary's Office to close or open access as the case may be. A Board Member may request to close or open public access to the information by submitting a written request to the City Secretary's Office. Only the City Secretary's Office is allowed to disclose the information listed above.

(Please strike through any information that you do not wish to be made accessible to the public)

Please complete the information below and return
to the City Secretary's Office within fourteen days of receipt.

[X] I **DO** elect public access to my: (please indicate items you would like available, if any)

X home address

___ home telephone number

X personal email address

X cell or pager numbers not paid for by the City

X emergency contact information

___ information that reveals whether I have family members.

[ ] I **DO NOT** elect public access to my home address, home telephone number, cell or pager numbers, emergency contact information, or any information that reveals whether I have family members.

Board Member's Signature

9/21/2021
Date

Lisa A. Covington
Board Member's Printed Name

Statement made by Lisa Covington as to why I would like to be considered for appointment to a City of Tomball Board/Commission.

I would like to be considered for a Board/Commission appointment, because I have the knowledge, expertise, desire, and drive to be a valuable board member/commissioner and to make a positive difference for the City of Tomball. Through my business experience I have learned to understand/interpret laws and regulations, to objectively analyze situations and to make unbiased conclusions. Further, my career has taught me how to work well as a member of a team and how to listen to and value the perspectives and opinions of others. I have also learned the art of being aware of what I know and recognizing when to ask for information and help. Additionally, my knowledge of the history of Tomball for the last 40+ years gives me a valuable perspective on what the best future of Tomball might be. Growing up in Tomball I felt safe and part of a real community. I want future generations to get to experience this. I commit to always being present and prepared for every task. I commit to always striving to use my position for the betterment of the City and its citizens. I commit to always acting with integrity and honesty.

Biography of Lisa A. Covington

Lisa moved to Tomball in 1979, when she was 6. She attended Tomball Lutheran School (now Salem Lutheran School), Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School. After graduating from Tomball High School in 1992, Lisa attended Baylor University. Lisa graduated cum laude from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Taxation in 1997.

Lisa began her career as an international tax consultant at Price Waterhouse LP. During her 8+ years with Price Waterhouse (and later PricewaterhouseCoopers), she worked extensively with multi-national corporations and U.S. expatriates performing worldwide tax planning and restructuring. After leaving PwC, she transitioned from public accounting into industry and has since held various positions in tax departments of companies in the Houston area where she has had the opportunity to travel throughout the world.

Lisa lived in the Tomball school district from 2005 through 2013, and made Tomball her permanent home in March 2018 when she bought a house inside the city limits.

Lisa proudly resides in Tomball, her hometown.

Appendix D

Acknowledgment of Receipt and Understanding

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the City of Tomball Boards, Commissions and Committees Handbook on Sept. 9, 2022 (date).

I understand the eligibility requirements, policies, and procedures set forth in this Handbook.

I have read and understood the contents of this handbook and will act in accordance with these eligibility requirements, policies and procedures as a condition of my appointment to a board, commission, or committee.

I have read and understood the Standards of Conduct expected by the City of Tomball and I agree to act in accord with the Standards of Conduct as a condition of my appointment by the City of Tomball.

Finally, I understand that the contents of this Handbook are policies and guidelines established by the City Council of the City of Tomball and that the City Council may amend the Handbook at its discretion.

Please read this Handbook carefully to understand these conditions of appointment before you sign this document.

Signature of Applicant for Appointment

Lisa A. Covington

Printed Name of Applicant

9/21/2022

Date: