

**QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**APPLICANTS FOR HUNTERSVILLE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

To assist the Huntersville Board of commissioners in making appointments to the Board of Adjustment, please respond briefly to the following questions. There are no right or wrong answers. Your responses will provide a framework for discussion with the Mayor and Commissioners.

**Overview:** The Board of Adjustment consists of members appointed by the Huntersville Board of Commissioners (for in-town residents) and by the Mecklenburg County Board of commissioners (for ETJ residents). North Carolina law requires that the composition of the Board represent the relative population of the city limits and the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Therefore, the Huntersville Board of Adjustment consists of five (5) in-town residents and two (2) ETJ residents. The Board's primary function is to act upon **variances**, which are specific requests for deviation from the strict letter of the law of the Huntersville Zoning Ordinance. As an example, picture a property with a stream running through it, thirty feet back from the road. If the zoning ordinance requires that every new house must be set back thirty feet from the road, the property owner is faced with a **hardship** and may request a variance. The Board of Adjustment acts quite literally as a court, with evidence presented, petitioners sworn in, and strict rules followed to determine if indeed a hardship exists. The Board considers the facts relative to the petition and formulates a legally-binding ruling. The meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month.

1. Please describe the areas of community service in which you have participated, in Huntersville or elsewhere.

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2. Briefly describe your vision for Huntersville in the next 10 to 15 years. What factors during that time will shape the growth of our community?

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3. Since the Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body and must act essentially as a court, it is bound by strict rules of procedure and must use specific findings of fact in order to reach a ruling. As such, Board members must base their ruling on the facts alone, and not on emotion. As a potential Board member, how will you ensure that your decisions are formed objectively?

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4. With rapid development occurring in Huntersville and the surrounding area, the character and growth patterns of our community are changing rapidly. Please discuss briefly any problems that you perceive, anything that you would like to change, and/or anything you find particularly appropriate to Huntersville.

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**Thank you for completing this questionnaire.  
Please return to the Huntersville Planning Department**