

City of Asheville
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Application Form

APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND SEVERAL MEETINGS OF A BOARD PRIOR TO APPLYING AND/OR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD

Name of board or commission(s): Asheville City Council

Your name: Anthony Alan Coxie Home Phone #: 828-252-8808

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Mailing address (if different): P.O. Box 1262, Asheville NC 28802

Employer: Anthony Alan Coxie, PA Attorney at Law

Your position: Attorney Office Phone #: 828-252-8808

Resident of City County Race W * Sex M * Age 43 *

Are you a United States Citizen (circle one)? Yes or No

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _____ South _____ East _____ West

How did you become aware of the opening? _____ Webpage _____ Current Volunteer _____ eNews _____
_____ Government Channel _____ Newspaper Radio _____ Organization _____ Agenda _____ Other _____

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving (use additional sheets if necessary). Expertise: Legal Technical _____ Fundraising Community Contacts
 Business Management (Financial) Business Management (Operational) Public Speaking

- SEE ATTACHED -

Return to:
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* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.

Legal – Currently admitted to practice in the State of North Carolina, United States District Court for Western District of North Carolina, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, slated for admission to the United States Supreme Court and the Cherokee Tribal Courts.

Technical – Knowledge of various aspects of city's firefighting and rescue response, incident management, 911/dispatching operations, specialized rescue teams and other emergency operations. Knowledge of mutual aid arrangements and contracts for service. Knowledge of hazardous materials response and operations for both the city and the state contracted North Carolina Regional Response Team Six through state certification as both a hazardous materials responder and as state certified hazardous materials instructor. Knowledge of city water system and water treatment operations as well as American Water Works Association standards and safe operating practices for distributional water pipe installation and maintenance obtained through both work experience and case litigation. Knowledge of city police operations, patrol, investigations, dispatching, crime control and prevention methods and statistical data analysis through both work and attorney experience. Knowledge of Information Services Division from service on City of Asheville Software 2000 committee as fire department liaison. Knowledge of motor transport and fleet maintenance operations. Knowledge of inspections, fire inspections and building and life safety operations from both certification as a state fire inspector as well as from attorney experience representing clients for matters in these areas. Knowledge of civic center operations, festivals and special events from work and managerial experience during such events.

Business Management (Financial and Operational) – experience operating a small business/law office. Knowledge of accounting, book-keeping, payroll, FICA, Medicare, Medicaid, Worker Compensation, ERISA, REDA, Employment Security Commission practice and other various employment law areas. UNC-Asheville Bachelors of Science degree in Management with specific course work in accounting, economics, human resources and finance areas. Division budget responsibilities while Captain with Asheville Fire Department Special Services Division.

Public Speaking – from years of service as a fire service instructor, AB Tech Adjunct Instructor, Wake Forest School of Law teaching assistant and as practicing attorney.

Contacts – wide variety of community and professional contacts associated with all the above.

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Resume

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law – Juris Doctorate, 2000
Superior Court Judge's Office, 28th Judicial District, Internship, 1998
Pisgah Legal Services, Asheville, North Carolina, Internship, 1999
Wake Forest Law School Teaching Assistant, Legal Research & Writing III, 1999 – 2000
North Carolina State Bar – Law Student Pro Bono Service Award, October 21, 1999
North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers – Most Outstanding Advocate: Spring, 2000

University of North Carolina at Asheville – B.S. Business Management with honors, 1997
Distinction as University Scholar, Distinction in Management & Accounting,
National Management Honors Society

Experience

Anthony Alan Coxie, P.A., Attorney at Law (2003 – present)
Areas of Practice: criminal law, civil litigation, landlord/tenant, personal injury, corporate litigation and small business representation, workers compensation, etc.

Roberts & Steven, P.A., Associate Attorney (2000 – 2002)
Areas of Practice: general civil litigation position involving practice areas such as insurance defense, worker compensation, employment and small/business representation.

Asheville Fire Department (1984 – 1998) Last Position: Captain, Special Services Division
Asheville Fire Department – Hazardous Materials Response Team (1988 – 1997)
Coordinator – N.C. Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team 6 (1996 – 1997)
National Fire Academy, Financial Management Certification, August 23, 1991
National Fire Academy, Fire Officer I & II, June 21, 1992
North Carolina Certified Fire Inspector Level II, July 8, 1997
North Carolina State Certified Fire Service Instructor Level II, May 1, 1990
U.S. Department of Labor, Certified Firefighter, July 26, 1990
U.S. Coast Guard Advanced Hazardous Materials School, December 8, 1989
Advanced Hazardous Materials School/Basic Explosives Course, June 24, 1988

AB Tech - Adjunct Instructor, Fire Protection Technology Program (2008 to present)

Community

Central United Methodist Church – 27 Church Street, Asheville North Carolina 28801
Guardian ad Litem Program – 28th Judicial District (1995 – 1997, 2005 – present)
Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers Program – (2000 to present)
Pisgah Legal Services Volunteer Hotline Attorney – (2006 to present)
N.C. Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, Legal Research Assistant (1998 – 1999)
N.C. Governor's Commission on Substance Abuse, National Conf. Delegate, May 14, 1999
Forum on Legal Education and Substance Abuse & Addiction, Panelist, April 3, 2000

Affiliations

North Carolina State Bar, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, United States Court of Appeals - Fourth Circuit, 28th Judicial District Bar Association, Cherokee Tribal Courts, North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers.

1. What motivates you to apply for this position?

At this point in life, I believe I have acquired a significant amount of life and work experience that I can bring to the City of Asheville council position. A city resident since 1987, I have always cared very deeply for my neighborhood and city. As a father, I have raised a family in Asheville. My daughter has always attended school in the Asheville City Schools system. A former Asheville firefighter and city employee, I have a uniquely personal understanding of the basics of city services, our city budget process as well as the council/manager structure of our local city government which I can apply to any issue coming before Asheville City Council. An attorney for the past eight years, I have dealt with a wide variety of legal issues that often confront city government as well. Being an attorney enables me to bring yet another perspective and a completely different set of skills and talents to both city council and the council position. In sum, I feel I can apply my life and work experiences and legal knowledge to the decisions and issues that confront the City of Asheville to the benefit of the citizens of Asheville.

2. Where do you fall on the conservative-liberal spectrum in terms of fiscal and social policy?

At its heart, city government is all about the delivery of essential governmental services on the local level. As such, decisions concerning city policy and associated budgetary concerns require a focus on the issues currently confronting the local government. Since good decision making is based upon both the issues and facts present at any given time, it is inappropriate to focus on such decisions from the perspective of either conservative or liberal ideology. Good decision making will, at various times, necessarily involve the application of both liberal and conservative principles. With these principles in mind, I have always considered myself to be a moderate.

3. In your eyes, what should be the top 2 or 3 priorities our City Council should be focused on in the upcoming year and why?

Giving due consideration to my answers to questions four and five, I believe that city council should continue its careful focus on sustainable growth and development as implemented through the UDO and other processes. Furthermore, I believe that recent city councils have done an excellent job through the city budget process and specifically, the capital improvement plan of upgrading city infrastructure. Therefore, if appointed to the vacant council position, I would hope to continue the current city priorities which are focused on infrastructure improvements such as the ongoing water system upgrades, street and side walk improvements, police and fire service delivery, facility upgrades for municipal buildings and city fleet maintenance. As all city services are delivered by and through city employees, a consistently competitive pay plan is an absolute necessity. But beyond these things, I believe that perhaps the single most important role that the mayor and city council perform is to develop and implement a strategic vision and plan for the city and then provide oversight of all city operations essential to the implementation of that plan.

4. What do you consider the most crucial problem, need or cause for the citizens of Asheville?
How would you approach its resolution or champion the cause?

Economic growth and development is perhaps the single most crucial problem currently facing the City of Asheville and affecting our citizens and environment. On the one hand, positive growth and development benefits our city by constantly renewing and rebuilding our city's buildings, roads and infrastructure and providing much needed jobs for our citizens all the while slowly increasing tax revenues that support essential government services. But, too much or too poorly thought out growth and development policies can paralyze, to the detriment of both our city and region, those persons or companies who seek to beneficially invest in our community.

On the other hand, left unchecked, out of control growth and development can often tax or destroy natural resources and result in severe structural problems within a local community. The resolution and expense of development problems is far too often shifted from developers to local government and ultimately, the citizen-taxpayer. Blessed to live among the mountains as we are, we need seek out a careful balance between sustainable growth and development that will benefit us economically as a community all the while protecting the inherent beauty of our city and surrounding mountains which sustains all who live here as well as all who are drawn here.

We can do both!! If appointed to this vacant council position, I promise to give very careful consideration to each and every growth and development issue confronted by our city and to any city council decision involving the competing interests of sustainable and beneficial growth and development and the need to preserve the unique character of our city and area natural resources.

5. 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years will be financially tough for the City. What will be your top funding priorities and what would you like to see reduced to balance the budget?

I would not approach the city council position with any preconceived agenda of "top funding priorities." As council persons, we need to be fiscally responsible and accountable to the citizen-tax payers. Since it has already been determined that 2008-09 and 2009-10 will be financially difficult budget years, in light of the still uncertain and as of yet, unresolved severe economic conditions currently facing our national economy, in coming years good governance will likely require a conservative approach to formulating the city budget focusing first on the delivery of essential governmental services all the while attempting to achieve within the framework of a balanced budget, funding for those entities and organizations whose services go beyond the mere delivery of essential city services and thereby enhancing the quality of life for our citizens, city and region. Finally, a taxpayer myself, the goal should always be to attempt all these things and, where possible, also achieve a reduction in taxes for city homeowners, residents and businesses.