

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: Clifford O. Feingold, DDS Home Phone #: 828 258-8390

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Employer: Self

Your position: Dentist Office Phone #: 828 670-9894

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race white * Sex M * Age 59 *

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

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

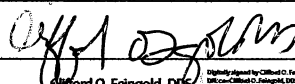
How did you become aware of the opening? _____ Webpage _____ Current Volunteer _____ eNews _____
Government Channel _____ Newspaper x Radio _____ Organization _____ Agenda _____ Other _____

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: x Legal x Technical x Fundraising x Community Contacts x Business Management (Financial) x Business Management (Operational) x Public Speaking

I have lived in Asheville for 56 years. I have operated a business here (dental practice) for 32 years. I felt the need to give back to my profession by serving on the State Board of Dental Examiners (2005-2008) (legal experience). I have been president of the Buncombe Co. Dental Society, Cong. Beth Israel, Asheville Smoke Booster Club, and my dental fraternity. I have served on the Asheville School Alumni Council for 32 years. All of these activities have given me the expertise in all the above areas to serve well on the Asheville City Council.

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

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Brief RESUME

Public School Education in Asheville

1955 Grace School

1961 Ira B. Jones School

1962 David Millard Jr. High School

1964 The Asheville School

1967-71 Duke University (BA in Chemistry)

1972-76 Emory University School of Dentistry
President Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity

Asheville JayCees

Cub Scout Leader

North Asheville Little League Coach

Chairman, Mountain Amateur Athletic Club Sports Award Banquet

Health Adventure Clown Troupe, Charter Member

Asheville School Alumni Council

President Buncombe County Dental Society

President Congregation Beth Israel

Member of the Year, Congregation Beth Israel

President Asheville Smoke Booster Club

Board of Directors, Council of Interstate (dental) Testing Agency

NC State Board of Dental Examiners

1. What motivates you to apply for this position?

I have lived in Asheville since the age of three. I have seen a lot that has changed and a lot that has, for better or worse, stayed the same. I felt a need to give back to my profession, and served on the NC State Board of Dental Examiners (2005-2008). This involved a huge amount of travel to and from Cary - sometimes twice a month.

I would like to give back to the great city of Asheville. I was raised here and I raised two great kids here. I now have the time, dedication, experience, and motivation to make a difference and continue serving the public.

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

I would classify myself as conservative fiscally. Every organization with which I have been associated in a leadership role has been healthier financially at the end of my tenure than at the beginning. I would classify myself socially as conservative, but extremely tolerant. I feel that people who can and should support themselves should not be given handouts, but those who truly deserve and qualify for social and monetary aid should receive it - no question.

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?

The number one, two, and three priorities are jobs. People cannot pay for food, utilities, home costs, medical, or even taxes if they do not have jobs. The increasing retirement-age population does not bring businesses to employ the local people, but they do depend on there being the services they need. There need to be incentives to make Asheville a business-friendly environment to increase employment opportunities. Then local people and workers attracted from elsewhere will be able to live comfortably here, and pay taxes to support the operation of the City.

The Civic Center needs to be fixed. No more studies - let's just get it done. The present location is fine. We need a centerpiece in downtown to attract quality entertainment for our citizens and visitors. A room tax (not a popular idea - but neither is raising taxes) would be the best way to fund this.

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?

Improvement of necessary City services without an increase in taxes and fees. I would look for ways to actually lower taxes if at all possible. Step one would be to stop the traffic-calming measures in the City. But really, I would examine department budgets to see if there is any waste and determine if there is a proper return on investment (monetarily, socially, and effectively).

Also, as I said above - JOBS. Increasing the number of people paying taxes - not increasing taxes - would allow the City to coincidentally hire more employees.

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?

Funding

1. Education
2. New industry and business tax incentives
3. Advertising and promotion of the City
4. Downtown improvements, including, but not limited to, the Civic Center.

Reductions

1. Wasteful road projects such as traffic calming
2. Streamline and modernize the City inspections and permits process to save money and get Asheville building something other than condos again. We've got plenty of places for people to live, we just don't have the jobs for them to be able to afford it - unless they bring the money from Florida or New York.
