

CITY OF BELDING

Applications are being accepted for the Board of Review, Downtown Development Authority, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. These volunteer positions offer an excellent opportunity to make a difference and serve our community.

Board of Review – Meets in March, July and December. The Board of Review is a three-person committee appointed by the City Council with a one-year term. The purpose of the Board is to revise and correct assessments and authorize changes, additions or corrections to the assessment roll.

Downtown Development Authority – Meets quarterly (February, May, August, November) on the 1st Wednesday at 4 p.m. The DDA is an eight to twelve-person committee appointed by the City Council. The board is involved with the creation and implementation of development plans in the downtown district and with the promotion of economic growth. A majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district, or officers, members, trustees, principals, or employees of a legal entity having an interest in property located in the downtown district. At least one of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district.

Historic District Commission – Meets quarterly (January, April, July, October) on the 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. The Historic District Commission reviews proposed work to the exterior of resources in the district to determine if the work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. A majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation.

Planning Commission – Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The five voting members of the Planning Commission are appointed by the City Council serving three-year terms. The Commission adopts a Master Plan for the physical development of the city, reviews the Capital Improvements Plan, recommends zoning changes, approves plats and governs the subdivision of land.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate Member, serving in the absence of a ZBA member – Meets as needed. The Zoning Board of Appeals is a five-person committee appointed by the City Council with three-year terms. The powers of the board include: hearing of appeals, granting of temporary uses and buildings, and hearing cases of a change of use from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use.

An application is available on the city website – www.belding.us, at city hall – 120 S. Pleasant Street, or can be mailed to your residence.

Please contact Karen Thomas at 794-1900, Ext. 210 or kthomas@ci.belding.mi.us for additional information. Please submit applications by February 28, 2018 to the city clerk.