



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE PRESS RELEASE

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City of Cambridge - Seeking Volunteers for Committees

Cambridge, MD (January 4, 2024). The City of Cambridge is actively seeking volunteers to serve on several Boards and Commissions. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply to be a member of these committees by completing the application form located on the city website at: <https://www.choosecambridge.com/FormCenter/City-Hall-14/Board-and-Commission-Volunteer-Interest--84>.

A brief description of these committees is below. More detail can be found on the City's website on the Boards and Commissions pages.

Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z)

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets monthly to review applications from property owners requesting a change in zoning or who are planning new communities or uses of vacant land within the City's limits. The Commission also creates ordinances for adoption by the City Council related to zoning changes. The seven (7) member committee meets with applicants monthly in a public meeting. Knowledge of planning and zoning topics is a plus. **Vacancies** : 1 member and 1 alternate member.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

The HPC was established by statute to safeguard Cambridge's historic sites and structures in the designated historic district. The Committee members with support of City staff are charged with reviewing applications and materials from property owners planning to make modifications to the exteriors of their properties in the Historic District. The five (5) member committee meets monthly with applicants in a public meeting. Professional or academic experience in historic preservation is a plus. **Vacancies** : 1 member and 1 alternate member.

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals reviews applications from property owners who are challenging a ruling by the Planning & Zoning Commission or the Historic Preservation Commission. The Board reviews the applications and the appropriate governing zoning code or guidelines to make a determination. This Board meets as needed based on the flow of applications. **Vacancies** : 2 members and 1 alternate member.

Ethics Commission

The Cambridge Ethics Commission was established to address issues raised under the Cambridge Ethics Code. There are 3 members and 1 alternate member of the Commission. The Ethics Commission meets as needed to hear and decide complaints filed by individuals against an elected or appointed city official or a member of city staff that asserts a violation of the city ethics code. The Commission also provides Advisory Opinions that can be public or private depending on the request made by an individual. **Vacancies** : 1 member and 1 alternate member.

Police Board

The Police Advisory Board is responsible for advising the Police Department on complaints from the citizens and improvements in the operation of the Police Department. This board shall also be responsible for making recommendations to the city council for areas in which police activities can better serve the citizens of Cambridge. The Board meets every other month. **Vacancy** : 1 member who resides in Ward 3.

The City will be accepting applications until these vacancies are filled. However, the first review of expressions of interest will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Details of these committees can be found on the City's website <https://www.choosecambridge.com/> under the "Boards and Commissions" tab or search by the committee's name from the home page. For more information or assistance, contact Tyasia Johnson at tjohnson@choosecambridge.com.

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