



Franklin County

Planning and Building Department

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PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY

FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Franklin County is seeking letters of interest (applications) for one (1) vacancy on the Franklin County Planning Commission.

The vacancy is located in **Planning District #3 (Eltopia Area)**. This District is generally located west of Highway 395, north of Sagemoor Road, and south of Russell Road. The District does cross over to the east side of 395 at a point north of the Rural Settlement known as Eltopia, along the north side of Blanton Road, west of Coordes Road, and south of Pepiot Road. People who live within the Unincorporated Area of Franklin County and within this Planning District are encouraged to apply. For assistance in determining if you live within this area, please call the Planning Department at 545-3521.

The Franklin County Planning Commission is a seven (7) member, non-paid, voluntary board that meets once a month in the evenings. The Commission makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on land development applications, ordinance/code updates, and other land use related issues.

To be eligible for consideration, a letter of interest and/or resume and supplemental questionnaire is required to be submitted to the Franklin County Planning and Building Department, 1016 North 4th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301 (545-3521) no later than **Friday, February 5, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** Please contact the Planning and Building Department to obtain a supplemental questionnaire, or one can be downloaded from the Planning and Building Department website at – www.co.franklin.wa.us/planning.

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PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Resume and/or Letter of interest.** Please include name, mailing address and contact phone number.

- Supplemental Questions.** Please briefly complete the supplement questionnaire. You may either handwrite or type the responses. Feel free to use additional pages as necessary. If you wish, the Planning Department can email (word document) you the questions and in turn you can complete the questions on a home computer.

- All above stated application materials must be submitted to be considered for the opening. This will need to be submitted to the Planning and Building Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the advertised opening on the Commission.

- Information about the Franklin County Planning and Building Department may be obtained via the internet at www.co.franklin.wa.us or by phone at 545-321. The Planning Staff is always available to discuss Planning Commission openings and provide prospective applicants with assistance as needed.

- The Planning Commission's regular monthly meeting is normally the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room (1016 North 4th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301).

FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

(Please BRIEFLY answer each question.
You may either write or type in your answers)

1. Briefly, why did you apply to be on this Commission?
2. What is your understanding of what the Planning Commission is or does?
3. Do you think County government should adopt policies and regulations that control or restrict what people can do with their private property? Why?

4. Many Planning Commission actions can influence the value of a specific property, so the Planning Commission's process must be as fair as possible. Do you have any business interests or employment relations that could cause a conflict of interest with your role as a Planning Commissioner?

5. State law mandates both quasi judicial and legislative actions be heard by the Planning Commission.

To maintain an appearance of fairness, a planning commissioner----

- a) may not engage in discussion with the public or the applicant outside of a public hearing as it relates to quasi judicial site specific cases. Case file examples include Conditional Use Permits or Variances;
- b) may engage in discussion with the general public as it relates to legislative applications. Case file examples include Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Text changes.

How do you feel about not being able to freely discuss certain applications with the applicant or general public outside the context of a public hearing? Will you have a conflict with this law or a problem maintaining an appearance of fairness for Franklin County?

