



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

We welcome you as an applicant for one of the City's boards or commissions. These groups play a very important role in the vision and operations of the City of Benson. These boards and commissions serve as advisory bodies to the Benson City Council and in that role, they provide information and recommendations to the City Council. By doing so the City Council can make well informed decisions regarding city matters and public policy.

Please fill out the information requested below. You are encouraged to attach any additional information which you believe qualifies you for appointment to the board or commission you have selected.

BOARD OR COMMISSION PREFERENCE: Please circle your preference

Airport Commission	Housing & Redevelopment Authority	Park Board
Library Board	Benson Area Tourism Board	Planning Commission
Cemetery Board	Economic Development Authority	Utilities Commission
Charter Commission		

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Office of the City Manager
 City of Benson, 1410 Kansas Ave., Benson, MN 56215
 Telephone: 843-4775
 Date Received: ____/____/____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____

How long have you been a resident of Benson: _____

Have you served previously on any of Benson's boards or commission? YES NO _____

Have you served previously on any city board/commission in any other community? YES NO _____

Are any members of your immediate family in the same household presently employed by the City of Benson or serving on any of the City's boards or commissions? YES NO

Please list your special interests, education, civic organizations memberships, past experiences, etc., which you feel would benefit the City of Benson by your appointment to the board/commission you have indicated a preference to above:

Do you have any additional comments: _____

DESCRIPTION OF BENSON'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Airport Commission – Makes recommendations to the City Council for the use, management, and operation of the airport and shall advise the Council in all matters concerning the Airport. Meets 3rd Monday monthly (varies).

Cemetery Board – Advises and assists the City Council and City staff in the administration, maintenance and improvement of the Benson City Cemetery. Meets quarterly.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority – This authority is a public corporation empowered to undertake certain types of redevelopment projects and low rent housing assistance programs pursuant to the provisions of the M.S.A. 469.001-469.047. These projects may include such activities as planning, acquisition, demolition, clearance, rehabilitation and construction for the purpose of providing decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons of low and moderate income and the improvement and restoration of stagnant, undeveloped land. Meets 2nd Friday monthly.

Library Board – Acts as an advisory body to the City Council by providing information and make recommendations to the City Council on library matters. Meets 2nd Monday quarterly.

Park Board – Acts as an advisory body to the City Council by making recommendations to the Council on issues associated with City parks, playgrounds, the swimming pool, skating rinks and other related functions. Meets quarterly as needed.

Planning Commission – Acts as an advisory body to the City Council by reviewing variance requests, subdivisions, plats zoning regulations, etc. In addition, they work on developing long-range planning goals and objectives. Meets first Monday monthly.

Utilities Commission – Advises and assists the City Council and Director of Public Works in the administration and improvement of public utilities. Meets as needed.

Benson Area Tourism Board – Advises and assisting the City Council on promotion of the Benson area as a tourist destination site and in the allocation and utilization of the lodging tax proceeds. Currently the City Council is the acting Tourism Board.

Economic Development Authority - An advisory body to the City Council by receiving proposals for economic or job development projects, receive, discover, propose and recommend economic or job development projects for the City, and discover resources and methods to provide funding & assistance for economic development. Meets 3rd Monday monthly.