



## CITY OF COCOA APPLICATION FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

City Code requires prospective and existing board members to fill out an application, consent to a standard criminal background check<sup>1</sup>, be duly registered to vote in Brevard County, and be a resident or an owner of real property in the City of Cocoa. City Code also prohibits a person from serving on a City Board or Committee if that person has been convicted of a felony, unless their civil rights have been restored.

(Please Print)

Name: Linda Gombert Application Date: 4-20-21

Street Address, Including Zip Code: 2323 Elon Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926

District that you live in **(this information can be found on your Voter's Registration Card)**:

District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☒

Telephones: Home: 321-639-4017 Work: 321-639-4017 Pager:                      Cell: 321-446-9338

Place of Business: Horticulturist

Title/Position Held: Owner/manager/operator

Date of Birth<sup>2</sup> dec. 28, 1960

Email Address: gombert@bellsouth.net

### **VARIOUS CITY BOARDS/COMMITTEES AVAILABLE**

(Please Check All Those That Interest You)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable Housing Advisory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Zoning Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Adjustment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Police Community Relations Advisory Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	Code Enforcement/Drug Related Public Nuisance Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redevelopment Agency (Diamond Square)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Redevelopment Agency (US 1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pension Board - Fire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability Advisory Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pension Board - General Employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilities Advisory Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pension Board - Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Have you been a City of Cocoa resident for at least 6 months?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you own property or a business in Cocoa?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you registered to vote in Brevard County, Florida?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a **felony** in any jurisdiction? Any

<sup>1</sup> An Addendum to the Application is attached and the information being requested is necessary in order to conduct a background check. Information will be used for those purposes only.

plea of no contest shall be considered a conviction for purposes of this question.

If yes, have your civil rights been restored?  
Do you consent to a standard criminal background check?  
**(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED ADDENDUM)**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

Do you currently serve on any other City of Cocoa board  
Are you related to a City of Cocoa Councilmember by blood,  
Adoption or marriage?  
Potential Conflict of Interest: Have you ever been engaged  
in the management of any business enterprise that has a  
financial interest with the City of Cocoa? Please provide  
details, such as the name of the enterprise, the nature of the  
business, and the positions you hold or have held.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE** **(Additional Information May be Attached)**

Briefly state your interest in serving on a City board or committee. Please include information relating to prior service on any governmental board or committee, and any specialized skills or training you feel will help you to qualify for membership on the desired City board or committee.

Lifelong concern for our planet and its occupants. Professional horticulturist with a focus on ecologically sane and Florida-friendly landscape techniques.

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### **STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Section 760.80, Florida Statutes, requires that the City annually submit a report to the Secretary of State disclosing race, gender, and physical disabilities of board and committee members. Please check the appropriate boxes:

#### RACE

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\_\_\_\_\_  
☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
African-American  
Asian-American  
Hispanic-American  
Native American  
Caucasian

#### GENDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Male  
Female

#### DISABILITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physically Disabled

**APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

By filling this application with the City of Cocoa, I do hereby acknowledge the following:

1. This application, when completed and filed with the Office of the City Clerk, is a public record under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and is open to public inspection.
2. I am responsible for keeping the information on this form current and provide any changes or updates to the Office of the City Clerk.
3. I consent to filing a Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1) required if required for the board in which I am appointed to.
4. If appointed to a board/committee, I acknowledge that this is my obligation and duty to comply with the following:

Code of Ethics for Public Offices (Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III)  
Florida Sunshine Law (Florida Statutes, Chapter 286)  
<http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes>

Signature: Linda Gombert Date: 4-20-21

Social Security No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Return this form to:  
Office of the City Clerk, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922**

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AND MEETING INFORMATION**

### **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee:**

**Term:** 3 years.

**Members:** 11 members.

**Duties:** Meet triennially to review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan and recommended specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value.

**Meetings:** Once every three years in Council Chambers.

### **Board of Adjustment:**

**Term:** 3 years.

**Members:** 7 members; 2 alternate members.

**Duties:** To hear and decide special exceptions and variances to the zoning ordinance, as well as appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Building Official in the enforcement of the zoning and sign ordinance.

**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

### **Code Enforcement/Drug Related Public Nuisance Board:**

**Term:** 3 years.

**Members:** 7 members; 2 alternate members, including an architect, a businessman, an engineer, a general contractor, a subcontractor, and a realtor.

**Duties:** To hear and decide alleged violations of certain codes of the City, and to hear drug related nuisance cases.

**Meetings:** Third Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

### **Housing Authority:**

**Term:** 4 years.

**Members:** 5 members.

**Duties:** Acquisition, lease, construction, reconstruction, improvement, and operation of federally-funded housing projects within the City. Work with Brevard County Housing Authority.

**Meetings:** Third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at 868 Stone Street.

### **Pension Board - Fire:**

**Term:** 2 years.

**Members:** 3 citizens appointed and 2 city employees.

**Duties:** To administer and advise the City on the firefighters' retirement system.

**Meetings:** Quarterly or as necessary.

### **Pension Board - General Employees:**

**Term:** 3 years.

**Members:** 5 members, three who are appointed by City Council, one who is a full-time general employee elected by a majority of the general employees that are members of the system, and a fifth member who is chosen by the previous four trustees.

**Duties:** To administer and advise the City on the general employees' retirement system.

**Meetings:** Quarterly or as necessary.

### **Pension Board - Police:**

**Term:** 2 years.

**Members:** 3 citizens appointed and 2 city employees.

**Duties:** To administer and advise the City on the police retirement system.

**Meetings:** Quarterly or as necessary.

### **Planning & Zoning Board:**

**Term:** 3 years.

**Members:** 9 members; 2 alternate members.

**Duties:** To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council relating to zoning and land use matters.

**Meetings:** First Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

### **Police Community Relations Advisory Board:**

**Term:** Same term as Councilmember appointing the member. Members appointed at-large and the Coastal Florida PBA term will be 4 years.

**Members:** 7 members

**Duties:** Provide feedback on issues and concerns to the community so as to develop, promote and enhance, in a positive and productive way, the public's trust and confidence in the City's Police Department. The Committee shall be devoted to facilitating the flow of ideas relative to police services for the continued betterment of the quality of life of the citizens, residents, businesses and visitors of Cocoa.

**Meetings:** Quarterly on the Fourth Thursday of the month.

**Redevelopment Agency - Cocoa:**

**Term:** 2 members appointed by City Council for 4 years.

**Members:** the 5 members of the City Council and 2 members appointed by the City Council.

**Duties:** To undertake and carry out redevelopment projects and related activities within its area of operation.

***\*Must reside in the area of the CRA or be engaged in business in the area of the CRA (Per Florida Statute 163.356(3)(b)).***

**Meetings:** First Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

**Redevelopment Agency -Diamond Square:**

**Term:** 4 years.

**Members:** 7 members appointed by City Council.

**Duties:** To undertake and carry out redevelopment projects and related activities within its area of operation.

***\*Must reside in the area of the CRA or be engaged in business in the area of the CRA (Per Florida Statute 163.356(3)(b)).***

**Meetings:** Third Monday of each month at 6:15 pm in the City Council Chambers.

**Sustainability Advisory Board:**

**Term:** No expiration date.

**Members:** Minimum of 5 members, no more than 11 members, who shall be residents or owners of real property and registered voters as provided in Section 2-58 of the Code of the City of Cocoa. Committee members should have backgrounds and professional disciplines that will bring relevant knowledge and experience to the table to assist the City with the development of a Sustainability and Resiliency Plan.

**Duties:** To advise and assist the City in establishing a written Sustainability and Resiliency Plan.

**Meetings:** Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 6 pm.

**Utilities Advisory Board:**

**Term:** 3 years.

**Members:** 5 members appointed by City Council.

**Duties:** To advise City Council on matters relating to utility subjects.

**Meetings:** As needed at 6 pm in the City Council Chambers.

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All meetings are subject to change in dates and/or may be canceled with the approval of the City Manager (with the exception of the regular Council meetings), dependent upon

whether there are items or cases to be considered. Other meetings of boards not listed above are held on an infrequent basis to which there is no standard or specified monthly date. (Please refer to the preceding "Description of Boards and Committees".) The three pension boards generally meet quarterly, and meetings may be held more often, depending on necessity. The Drug Related Public Nuisance Board holds meetings coinciding with the Code Enforcement Board; however, it meets infrequently on an as needed basis.

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