



# BLUE SPRINGS [BOARDS & COMMISSIONS]

The City of Blue Springs has numerous advisory boards and commissions comprised of volunteers from within the community who serve without compensation. Generally, these commissions make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding actions and policies affecting municipal government, city departments and the community.

All meetings are open to the public. Agendas and minutes can be found on the City's website and residents can sign-up for email/text notifications when these documents are posted. Visit [www.bluespringsgov.com](http://www.bluespringsgov.com) for more information.

## **APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

This committee reviews applications for building permits and sign permits in areas of the Adams Dairy Parkway Corridor Overlay Zoning District or other areas as may be determined by the Planning Commission and City Council. Meetings are held at the call of the chairman.

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

This board hears and decides appeals when an applicant requests a variance to the Unified Development Code. This board is unique in that its decisions are final. No recommendations are made for the City Council to act upon. Appeals of board decisions are referred to the Circuit Court of Jackson County. Meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month.

## **DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

This commission was formed to foster proactive communication between the city and the building community. The commission meets on an as-needed basis. Proposed development regulation changes are reviewed and recommendations are

forwarded to the Mayor and City Council. Issues affecting new legislation are first discussed by this commission.

## **DOWNTOWN REVIEW BOARD**

This board serves as the governing body for the Downtown Development Code enforcing building layout and the Downtown Zoning Map. The board is comprised of nine members who work closely with developers and downtown businesses to create a welcoming and vibrant downtown corridor. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD**

The primary focus of this corporation is to promote business development and investment, leading to the creation of jobs and supporting economic development in Blue Springs. This board also makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding financial incentives and the cost versus benefits of development. The Mayor and Council appoint three voting representatives for three year terms to the board, which includes the Mayor, city

administration, and the twelve member board meets monthly.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

This commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council, the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director. Its purpose is to protect and enhance the city's architectural, cultural and social history; to safeguard that heritage and promote the use of historic districts or landmarks as educational and cultural resources for the city. The commission consists of nine members and meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

This commission was formed to advise the Mayor and Council on ways to enhance the City's ability to educate and respond to concerns that may be expressed related to gender, race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or disability. The commission is comprised of seven community leaders from diverse backgrounds appointed by the Mayor and City Council with the Blue Springs Police Chief serving as their staff liaison. Each member serves a staggered term of three years. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month.

## **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

This board is responsible for fostering proactive communication between the City and the building community on proposed development regulation changes and to provide a vehicle for the resolution of issues affecting new legislation whether proposed by the City or the building community. The board is comprised of eight members appointed by the Mayor with approval of the City Council to serve six year terms. Meetings are held at the

call of the Chairman or at the request of an applicant to the Director of Community Development.

## **PARK COMMISSION**

This commission is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on the operations and growth of the Parks and Recreation Department. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

This commission advises the Mayor and City Council regarding planning and zoning regulations and new development in the city. The Commission includes eleven residents appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

## **PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

The commission is responsible for the acquisition, maintenance and display of art at sites within the city limits. The commission advises the City Council on the community's cultural needs. The committee is comprised of seven members appointed by the Mayor with approval of the City Council to serve three year terms. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD**

This board advises the Mayor and City Council through the Police Chief and City Administration regarding various public safety programs, services, policies, budget issues, public safety planning issues, public relations, criminal activities and crime prevention programs within the City. This board consists of eight members and meets the second Tuesday of the month.

## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The commission acts as an advisory committee and keeps the City Council informed regarding state and federal regulation of solid waste. There are five appointed members and meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

## TAX INCREMENT FINANCE (TIF) COMMISSION

This commission makes recommendations to the City Council concerning the adoption of redevelopment plans and redevelopment projects and designation of redevelopment project areas. Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

## TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE/HOUSING ADVISORY & APPEALS BOARD

The Technical Review Committee considers appeals of decisions regarding plat approval. The committee is comprised of five members who serve three year terms. Meetings are held on an as needed basis and can be called by the Chair or the Director of Public Works/City Engineer.



### Adopt-A-Street, Adopt-A-Stream, and Adopt-A-Park Programs

If you are interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Street or Adopt-a Stream Program, call 816-228-0195. To Adopt-A-Park, call 816-228-0137.

### City Board or Commission

Get involved with your City Government! By getting involved, you have the unique opportunity to help foster new ideas, implement improvements and future growth for your community. Contact the City Clerk for more information at 816-288-0111.

### Volunteers in Police Services

The Blue Springs Police Department's Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) Program allows community members to work along side our Police Department. For more information, call 816-228-0178.

### Parks & Recreation Volunteer

Our Parks & Recreation Department needs volunteers to help with coaching, special events, recycling events, class instruction, park clean-up and many more opportunities. Contact Parks & Recreation for more details at 816-228-0137.