



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Committee Room, 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	Michelle Garrison	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Mrs.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Real Estate Title Abstractor
Employer:	Self-Employed	School Attended:	Ridgewater College
Highest Degree Earned:	Nursing Assistant	Field of Study:	Nursing
Year of Graduation:	2000	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

NA

Certifications:

Nursing Assistant-Registered
Emergency Medical Technician-Basic

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

Advisory Board Member, George I. Theisen YMCA, Travelers Rest, 2016–Current
Commission Member, Travelers Rest Planning Commission, 2019–2025
Recording Secretary, Travelers Rest United Methodist Church, 2023–2025
Church Council Chairperson, Travelers Rest United Methodist Church, 2019–2023
Boy Scouts of America Liaison, Travelers Rest United Methodist Church, 2020–2023
Let's Keep TR Beautiful, Travelers Rest, 2018–2020
American Heart Association, Go Red For Women Spokeswomen, 2016–2017

My interest in serving on the PLANNING COMMISSION is:

My interest in serving on the Greenville County Planning Commission comes from a professional and personal commitment to responsible growth in our community. I have also served two terms on the Planning Commission for the City of Travelers Rest, where I gained experience reviewing development proposals and zoning matters. I would welcome the opportunity to apply that experience to support thoughtful planning and responsible growth in Greenville County.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:

The role of a Planning Commission member is to review rezoning, subdivision, and development proposals and make recommendations that support Greenville County's long-term planning goals. The position requires balancing growth with responsible land use while considering impacts on infrastructure, transportation, and surrounding properties. The commission works with planning staff, and elected officials to help ensure development aligns with the county's comprehensive planning efforts.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the PLANNING COMMISSION:

I bring prior Planning Commission experience and strong analytical skills from my work as a real estate title abstractor, with expertise in property records, zoning, and land use. I am committed to fair, informed decisions that support responsible community development.

My community topics of concern that relate to the PLANNING COMMISSION are:

My primary concern is promoting responsible growth that balances development with community needs while supporting the county's comprehensive plan to ensure smart, sustainable, and well-planned development for the long term.

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

Do you currently hold an elected or appointed office or commission?

If yes, please list:

Yes No

Have you previously held an elected or appointed office or commission?

If yes, please list:

Yes No

Commission Member, City of Travelers Rest Planning Commission, January 2020–December 2026

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?

If yes, please give details:

Yes No

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Additional Questions

Do you hold a South Carolina Real Estate License?

Yes No

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check?

Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the PLANNING COMMISSION?

Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the PLANNING COMMISSION?

Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to boards and commissions?

Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position?

Yes No

Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Do you or a member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Do you or a member of your immediate family financially benefit from the actions of this board?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?

If yes, please explain:

Yes No

Statement of Agreement and Understanding

Electronic Signature Agreement. By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, you agree to and attest to the following:

All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office.

I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq., and any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Signature: Michelle Garrison

Date: 3/7/2026

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.