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## **Application deadline extended for Springfield boards, committees, and commissions**

The City is seeking dedicated community members who want to offer their talents, experience, and perspectives to help make a difference in the Springfield. Community members are needed for a variety of Springfield boards, committees, and commission opportunities. Applications are available by visiting the City's website at <https://bit.ly/SpfldGetInvolved>.

The Springfield City Council goals include fostering an environment that values diversity and inclusion. Springfield is a diverse community, individuals of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, gender, and sexual orientation are encouraged to apply.

The deadline extension to apply for any of the boards, committees, and commissions is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024. Applicants are asked to complete and submit their application electronically, if possible, and email it to [cmomail@springfield-or.gov](mailto:cmomail@springfield-or.gov) or deliver a hard copy to the City Manager's Office located at 225 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401, Springfield, OR 97477.

Applicants will be interviewed during the month of March and April 2024 by the Springfield City Council during one of the four Work Sessions scheduled. Dates and times to be announced.

### **Budget Committee**

The City is seeking applications for one open position on the Springfield Budget Committee, and one open position on the Springfield Economic Development Agency (SEDA) Budget Committee.

Applicants are being sought to represent Ward 3 and the SEDA Glenwood district. Please visit <https://bit.ly/WardMapSpfldOR> to see a Ward map.

- One position is open to Ward 3 residents. The person appointed will serve a three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2026.
- One position is open to SEDA Glenwood. The person appointed will serve a three-year term which will expire on December 31, 2026.

### **Background**

The Budget Committee reviews the City's financial plans, including the annual budget. The 12-member committee is comprised of the six elected City Councilors and six members from the community. Appointed by the City Council, each of the committee's six community members must live in the ward they represent. Meetings are typically held between April and June, but the committee may also meet on an "as needed" basis.

SEDA Budget Committee is comprised of the 12 members of the City of Springfield's Budget Committee along with the Springfield area County Commissioner, and a representative from both the Glenwood and Downtown districts. Appointed by the City Council, each representative must own a business or live within the Glenwood or downtown area. Meetings are typically held between April and May, but the committee may also meet on an "as needed" basis.

**Additional Information:** Finance Director, Nathan Bell at [nbell@springfield-or.gov](mailto:nbell@springfield-or.gov)

### **Historic Commission**

The City is accepting applications to fill two open positions on the Historic Commission. The qualifications for membership on the Historic Commission include being appointees of Willamalane Park & Recreation District or Springfield School District #19; or individuals who meet professional qualifications in the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, archeology, or related fields who live within the Metropolitan Area General Plan boundaries; or residents, electors, or property owners within Springfield.

- The candidates appointed to these positions are eligible to serve up to two, four-year terms.

### **Background**

The Springfield Historic Commission is appointed by the City Council and serves to advance the identification, protection, preservation, education, and interpretation of Springfield's cultural heritage and history. As such, the Commission organizes projects and programs to encourage stewardship of the community's historic assets. The Commission also reviews development and restoration requests within the Washburne Historic District and for other Springfield historic resources. Historic Commission monthly meetings are currently held on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 4:30-6 p.m. Meeting details can be found at [SpringfieldOregonSpeaks.org](http://SpringfieldOregonSpeaks.org).

**Additional Information:** Senior Planner, Tom Sievers at 541-726-2333 or [tsievers@springfield-or.gov](mailto:tsievers@springfield-or.gov)

### **Police Advisory Committee**

The City is seeking applications to fill one volunteer position, specifically the Cultural Minority Community position. The police advisory committee consists of four neighborhood citizen-at-large representatives, one local business community representative, one cultural minority representative, one faith community representative, one School District 19 representative, and one Willamalane Parks and Recreation District representative. Committee appointments are for a four-year term.

### **Background**

The nine-member police advisory committee was initially established in 1994 as the Police Planning Task Force to develop a long-range plan for providing police services. A plan was completed and adopted by City Council in April 1996 and updated in 2002 and 2010. To date, much of the long-range plan has been Springfield Municipal Jail. The committee has continued for the purpose of providing citizen input to the Chief of Police on long range planning, plan implementation strategies and development of police department operational policies and procedures. The committee generally meets on the first Thursday of every other month.

**Additional Information:** Management Analyst, Tiffany Monroe at 541-726-3721 or [tmonroe@springfield-or.gov](mailto:tmonroe@springfield-or.gov)

### **Springfield Arts Commission**

The City is accepting applications for one vacancy for the Springfield Arts Commission. We are recruiting for four-year terms that run through December 2027. The Springfield Arts Commission is seeking applicants committed to enriching our community through art. Commissioners provide opportunities for artistic creation, exhibits, performances, events, and promote cooperation among local organizations to make art accessible for everyone. Springfield is a diverse community, persons of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, gender, and sexual orientation are encouraged to apply.

Commission members are required to attend evening meetings the second Tuesday of the month, September through June, as well as plan, develop, and assist with commission projects and activities. No fewer than seven of the nine members appointed to the Springfield Arts Commission must reside, own property, or own a business in Springfield (97477, 97478, or 97482). There is one non-resident seat available for application. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and be registered voters. Arts Commissioners serve "at-large" positions with no ward restrictions and four-year terms.

**Additional Information:** Community Engagement Specialist, Mindy Linder, 541-744-3388 or [mlinder@springfield-or.gov](mailto:mlinder@springfield-or.gov)

### **Springfield History Museum Committee**

The City is seeking applicants with strong interest in the history and culture of Springfield to fill two vacancies on its Museum advisory committee. The volunteers appointed will serve a four-year term that will expire on December 31, 2027.

The Museum's mission is to foster an awareness of the history of Springfield, provide a link between our past and present, and promote an appreciation of the diverse communities that call Springfield and rural East Lane County home. The committee is responsible for making recommendations for Museum exhibits and programs, drafting policies and procedures, and assisting with community outreach and publicity. Museum Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Requirements: Committee members are required to attend monthly meetings, as well as plan, develop, and assist with Museum projects and activities. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Preference will be given to applicants who live or own a business in Springfield, which includes 97477, 97478, or 97482 zip codes.

**Additional Information: Museum Curator, Madeline McGraw at 541-726-3677 or [mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov)**