

COLD SPRING PLANNING COMMISSIONER APPLICATION

The City is searching for individuals that have a strong interest in helping plan for the City and can exercise fair and unbiased judgment in zoning decisions. No previous experience of this kind is required, but City Code requires that you must be eligible to vote in Cold Spring. Three of the five positions are City residents that are appointed by the City Council, the fifth voting member is an active member of the City Council. The meetings tend to be relatively casual, and provide an opportunity for you to learn about what is happening in your community.

As Cold Spring continues to grow in both the residential and commercial areas, Planning Commission members have an important role in the decisions that need to be made for the City. Approval of plats, variances, lot subdivisions and consolidations, special use permits and zoning ordinances are a few of the issues that can come before the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets monthly, but also has additional meetings from time to time. The open position on the Planning Commission is a four-year term which will start on January 1, 2025 and will expire on December 31, 2028.

Applications are now being accepted until **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

The minimum commitment required is attendance of monthly meetings, but the Planning Commission occasionally creates subcommittees to work on specific projects. Members receive \$25 for each monthly meeting attended.

If there is not adequate space to answer these questions please continue on a separate sheet of paper, or if there are any other comments you would like to share please do so there also.

Return Application to: City of Cold Spring, 27 Red River Ave S, Cold Spring, MN 56320.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Are you eligible to vote in the City of Cold Spring?

Yes _____

No _____

Please tell us about your background; how long you have lived here, your occupation, what connections you have with the community, etc.

The primary purpose of zoning is to protect the well-being of property owners and the community from what other residents are doing with their property. Doing so requires a balance between property owner's rights and the rights and needs of the community, which can be difficult and unpopular at times. Which is greater, the rights of the property owner or the rights of the community? Explain why.

Please discuss your ability to attend meetings; during the day, evenings, etc. Most everyone has some limitations with their daily schedule, but we would like to know what yours are. Do you travel a lot in state or out? Explain what conflicts you have.
