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Citizens Needed for Police-Fire Pension and Other Boards

The City of Springfield is again seeking new citizen volunteers to serve on a variety of boards and commissions that help guide City policy and procedures. There are more than 240 volunteers on nearly 30 standing boards and commissions in Springfield. These groups are vital to City operations, and in many cases are mandated by the City Charter.

The primary need at this time is for citizens interested in serving on the Police-Fire Pension Fund Board of Trustees, especially those with a knowledge of and experience with financial investments.

In addition to the Police-Fire Pension Board, positions on several standing boards and commissions will be opening between now and the beginning of 2012. These groups include:

- Landmarks Board
- Tree City USA Citizens Advisory Committee
- Mayor's Commission on Human Rights & Community Relations
- Mayor's Commission for Children
- Building Trade Examination & Certification Board
- Board of Public Utilities

The City of Springfield is always looking for volunteers to serve on these and other boards and commissions. Openings on these boards come up on a regular basis due to terms ending, term limits and occasional resignations.

Citizens interested in volunteering can specify which board or commission they are most interested in, though they are not required to do so. The City Clerk's Office keeps applications on file to present to City Council as openings occur. In most cases, City Council finalizes appointments following a review of applications by the Council's Public Involvement Committee. Terms typically range from one to three years, and City residency is required in some cases.

For more background on specific boards and commissions, visit the City's website at <http://mo-springfield.civicplus.com/723/Boards-Commissions>. Citizens will also find online applications and an ethics handbook on this page.

Those who wish to apply in person may do so at the City Clerk's Office in the fourth floor of the Busch Building, 840 Boonville Ave., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Citizen questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (417) 864-1650 or via e-mail at bcirtin@springfieldmo.gov.

For more information about boards and commissions, contact: Assistant City Clerk Anita Cotter, (417) 864-1651.