



APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL Vacant General Seat D

Mr./Ms./Mrs. Richard Ollis Employer Ollis/Akers/Arney

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Do you live in the Springfield City Limits? Yes No If yes, how long? 36 years

Previous employers and positions U S Navy - USS John F. Kennedy Petty Officer 2nd Class (YN2) 1980-84;
SMSU Standard Newspaper - Advertising Sales 1986-89; Ollis and Company dba Ollis/Akers/Arney -
Insurance Sales, CEO, Chairman 1984-present

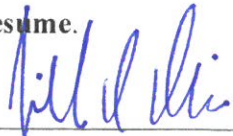
Special Qualifications Wide variety of experience - 4th generation Springfieldian; lived in zones 1,2, & 4;
Veteran of US Military; neighborhood, arts, downtown, CVB, Chamber, education, non-profit, health,
and business experience.

Educational Background Boyd, Pipkin, and Central High School graduate; Bachelor of Science in
Finance from Missouri State University 1989; Licensed broker of life, health, property/casualty insurance;
Leadership Springfield Graduate - Class 8

Community activities and offices held Co-Founder/President-Phelps Neighborhood Assoc.; Pres-Downtown Sgf Assoc;
Chair-Sgf Chamber of Commerce; Pres-Sgf Little Theatre; Board-Sgf CVB; Board-SGF/Branson National Airport; Board -
Sgf Sister Cities; Board-Ozarks Regional YMCA; Pres-Hickory Hills Country Club; Board-Good Samaritan Boys Ranch;
Board-MSU College of Business; Board-Healthy Living Alliance; Board-Wellness Council of America; Board-Commerce Bnk

References Dr. Robert Spence, Past President-Evangel Univ; Clif Smart, President-MSU; Dr. John
Jungman, Superintendent-Sgf Public Schools; Dr. Hal Higdon, Chancellor-OTC; Matt Morrow, President-
Sgf Chamber of Commerce

Please attach resume.

Signature: 

Date: 4-17-17

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Education

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- Missouri State University – College of Business** May 1989
B.S. in Finance
- Boyd Elementary, Pipkin Junior High, and Central High School** May 1980

Professional Experience

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- Ollis and Company dba Ollis/Akers/Arney** Nov 1984 - present
CEO/Chairman
- Understand and demonstrate organization's culture in all internal and external business functions
 - Oversee the financial well-being of the company
 - Maintain an awareness of the competitive landscape and industry developments including opportunities for expansion, new clients, new markets, and new standards
 - Evaluate and advise on the impact of long range planning, introduction of new programs/strategies and regulatory action

- Standard Newspaper, Southwest Missouri State University** August 1986 – May 1989
Advertising Sales
- Identify potential advertisers and develop strategies for them to advertise in the SMSU Standard
 - Lay out advertisements in newspaper prior to printing

- U S Navy – USS John F. Kennedy** October 1980 – October 1984
Petty Officer 2nd Class (YN2)
- Complete and type flight plan for each day
 - Provide record keeping of flight logs for pilots
 - Administrative Assistant to Commanding Officer

Community Activities/Leadership Involvement

- Co-Founder/President – Phelps Neighborhood Association
- President – Downtown Springfield Association
- Chair – Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
- President – Springfield Little Theatre
- Board – Springfield Convention Visitors Bureau
- Board – Springfield/Branson National Airport
- Board – Springfield Sister Cities
- Board – Ozarks Regional YMCA
- President – Hickory Hills Country Club
- Board – Good Samaritan Boys Ranch
- Board – Missouri State University College of Business
- Board – Healthy Living Alliance
- Board – Wellness Council of America
- Board – Commerce Bank

April 20, 2017

RE: Application for General D Council Seat

Dear City Council,

Attached is my application for General Seat D. I am a 4th generation Springfieldian and have lived in Springfield my entire life except for a four year term in the US Navy.

Our family founded our company on Commercial Street in 1885 and we all lived in the Mid-Town neighborhood, attending Boyd Elementary, Pipkin Junior High, and Central High School where I graduated in 1980.

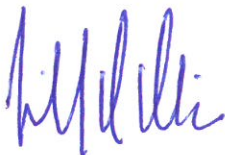
My community service began soon after I returned from the Navy and began attending Southwest Missouri State University. My community involvement has been varied. Co-founding Phelps Neighborhood Association and becoming its first president, becoming president of Downtown Springfield Association at age 30, serving on the Springfield-Branson Airport board, and on the Convention and Visitors Bureau board are a few highlights of my community involvement.

I am a small business owner who employs 49 associates and have served the business community as Chairman of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Most importantly, I have no specific agenda except to serve our community and work with council as a good team member to help our community prosper. Although the learning curve will be steep, I will listen, learn, and devote the time necessary to understand our community's complex needs and goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard Ollis