

Are you interested in serving on one of the City's Boards, Authorities or Commissions? If so, please fill out an [application form](#) [1] or call the City Clerk's office at 610-655-6204 and submit it to the City Clerk's office, located in room 2-21 in City Hall.

Some appointments are made with the approval of Council alone and some require the Mayor's recommendation before Council approval. After the Clerk's office receives your application, it will be forwarded to either the Mayor or to the Nominations and Appointments Committee. During the Nominations and Appointments Committee meeting, applicants are asked to come in for a brief interview. The Committee then makes recommendations to the full body of Council based on the application and interview. Council acts on those recommendations at their next business meeting.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Reading has many opportunities for residents to be involved in decisions made by their local government. At this time, the City needs residents to serve on several Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BAC). Three BACs are highlighted below along with a comprehensive list of all openings on City BACs.

Are you a heating/air conditioning professional? The **HVAC Board** reviews the City's heating and air conditioning installation and maintenance requirements.

The City's **Animal Control Board** promotes public health and safety and ensures the humane treatment of animals by regulating their care and control.

The Reading **Historic Architectural Review Board** works to protect areas, buildings and structures of the City which reflect the cultural, social, and architectural history of the City, awaken an interest in the City's historic past, foster civic pride in the architectural, historical, cultural and educational accomplishments of Reading, promotes the use and reuse of the historic areas, buildings and structures, enhancing the City's attractiveness to visitors, encouraging new buildings and developments that are harmonious with existing historic and architecturally important buildings, and to enable the City to participate actively in the National Register of Historic Places program and procedures and the National Certified Local Government Program to qualify for grant assistance.

Electrician's Examining Board	2 Openings
Plumbing Board	2 Openings
HVAC Board	7 Openings
Zoning Hearing Board	2 Alternate Openings
Fire Civil Service Board	1 Opening
Historical Architectural Review Board	4 Openings - 1 at large resident, 1 resident of the Prince District, 1 resident of the Penn's Commons District and 1 real estate broker
Board of Health	2 openings + 1 alternate opening
Board of Ethics	2 Openings
Building/Fire Code Board Of Appeals	2 opening + 2 alternate openings
Animal Control Board	3 Openings

Charter Board	3 Opening
Enviromental Advisory Council	4 Openings
Main Street Board	4 Openings
Pagoda Foundation	4 Openings
Water Authority	2 Openings
Redevelopment Authority	2 Openings
Convention Center Authority	1 Opening
Downtown Improvement District	1 Opening
City Revitalization Improvement Zone (CRIZ)	5 Openings
Planning Commission	3 Openings
Shade Tree Commission	3 Openings
Stadium Commission	2 Openings
Human Relations Commission	2 Openings
Recreation Commission	2 Opening

All interested citizens should complete the [BAC application form](#) [1] found on the City's website - [www.readingpa.gov](http://www.readingpa.gov) [2] - and return to the City Clerk's office, 815 Washington St., Reading, PA 19601.

For additional information, please call the City Clerk's office at 610-655-6204 or email to [council@readingpa.gov](mailto:council@readingpa.gov)[3].

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