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Board of County Commissioners

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Okaloosa County Seeks Applicants Interested in Serving on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Applications Due by January 19, 2023

Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”), with the mutual approval of the Fort Walton Beach City Council, will appoint one or more citizens to the Okaloosa County/Fort Walton Beach Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (“AHAC”). Pursuant to section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, the AHAC serves in an advisory capacity to the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners and the Fort Walton Beach City Council on issues related to affordable housing in Okaloosa County, including the development of recommendations to address impediments, create incentives or support expansion of affordable housing opportunities within the local area. Meetings are held no less than quarterly. Appointees will serve a **three-year term**, beginning immediately upon appointment.

The minimum requirements for this appointment are outlined in section 420.9076, Florida Statutes, and by BCC policy. The County is currently soliciting applications from citizens who meet one of the following categories:

- A resident who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing.
- A resident who represents essential services personnel, defined as a person permanently employed in Okaloosa County in one of the following fields: Healthcare, Police, Public Safety, Fire Personnel, Teachers, Educators and School District personnel, or Skilled Building Trades.
- A resident who represents employers within the jurisdiction.

Citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the AHAC should go to <https://myokaloosa.com/citizen-councils/home> to review the Policy, Complete an Application Packet and begin the Background Check process. Applications must be submitted no later than **5:00 PM, Thursday, January 19, 2023** via email to citizencouncils@myokaloosa.com or via mail to BCC Citizen Councils, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Suite 100, Shalimar, FL 32579.

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