

Questionnaire for Graham City Council Candidate Unexpired Term

RESPONSES ARE VOLUNTARY: Please be advised that any information you provide in response to the “Questionnaire for Graham City Council Candidate Unexpired Term” is voluntary, and candidates are not required legally or otherwise to respond to questions set out herein.

PUBLIC RECORDS NOTICE: Please be advised that any and all information you provide will be a public record and subject to disclosure in accordance with North Carolina Law.

Name _____

Address (must reside within city limits) _____

How long have you lived within city limits of Graham? _____

Do you spend more than 3 nights/week at another location other than the address listed above? _____

Are you related to any persons currently employed with the City of Graham or that has served on City Council? _____

Do you know any persons working for the city of Graham or who have served on the Graham City Council or Commission Boards? If so, please list name and how you know them. _____

Education _____

Military Service _____

Occupation/Place of Employment _____

Organizations (limit of 5, with title where appropriate): _____

Political career (previous offices and/or when first elected/appointed): _____

1. What area(s) of city spending do you feel should be increased or decreased? [50 word limit]

2. For any categories in #1, would you be willing to raise property taxes to accomplish?

3. What is your position with respect to economic incentives? In general, do you support or oppose using taxpayer money as an incentive to attract industry to Graham? [25 word limit]

4. Some jurisdictions have begun considering whether their employees should be required to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. Would you support or oppose such a requirement for municipal employees in Graham?

5. What are your feelings about employees working remotely?

6. In your opinion, is Graham's rate of growth too slow, too fast, or about right in the following categories?

Commercial

Residential

Industrial

7. Some have contended that a number of developments approved/proposed are "too dense," relative to nearby existing neighborhoods. What is your view on how significant a factor density of new proposed subdivisions should be compared to existing ones? [50 word limit]

8. There will be many people who will try to influence your decisions and exploit your position. Can you be impartial, avoid impropriety both professionally and in your personal conduct?

9. What ways do you suggest we promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the City?

10. Do you believe you will be able to perform your duties and uphold your oath without reproach, be an advocate for the citizens of Graham and work to ensure the communities have trust in local government?

11. Do you believe you can keep an open mind on all matters until you have heard from all parties?

12. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If so, please provide details.

13. What experience do you have in governmental procedure or Roberts Rules of Order?

14. What is your area of strongest disagreement with any action taken by the city council in the past 5 years?

15. In your view, what are the three main issues facing Graham in the next five years?

16. Do you agree with the downtown Master Plan overall?

17. Specifically, do you believe that parking downtown should be eliminated or minimized in exchange for wider sidewalks?

18. Specifically, do you believe in eliminating loading zones in the downtown?

19. Do you believe it is appropriate to take private property by eminent domain?

20. Do you have at minimum of 10 hours per week to dedicate to this position?

21. Are you willing to run again in 2023 for this position?

22. Why do you want to be considered for the city council position?

23. What skills do you have that make you uniquely qualified to hold a city council seat?

24. What other information would you like for the city council to consider about your application?
