



# CITY OF BILLINGS

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March 28, 2018

Jon Thompson  
3903 Heritage Drive  
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter is to confirm that the Billings City Council endorsed your appointment to the Yellowstone County Planning Board at their regular Council meeting on March 26, 2018.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you in the performance of your duties. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Miller Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2825 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North.

Sincerely,

William A. Cole  
Mayor

*Congratulations Jon, and welcome aboard!*

WAC:wjm

*Term Expires: 12/31/2018 (Unexpired term of Patrick Klugman)*

cc: Wyeth Friday  
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**REQUEST TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF A  
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF BILLINGS**

**Mayor**

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE:** PLANNING BOARD - Ward 5      **DATE:** 03/08/18

Thank you for your interest. Citizen volunteers are regularly appointed to various City boards, commissions and committees. Board members must be at least 18, reside within the City limits (for at least the last 2 years-business or work address is not sufficient for proof of residency), live in Montana (for 3 years), and be a registered voter. Members serve without compensation.

**Please complete the following and return it to: Mayor's Office, P. O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103.**

Name (please print): <i>Jon G. Thompson</i>	
Home Address: <i>3903 Heritage Drive, Billings, MT. 59102</i>	e-mail address: <i>jgthompson@bresnan.net</i>
Home Phone: <i>406-698-7780</i>	Work Phone: <i>N/A</i> Cell Phone: <i>406-698-7780</i>
Occupation: <i>Retired Public Official</i>	Employer: <i>N/A</i>
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, explain.)
Education:	High School: <i>Pelican Rapids High School, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota</i>
	College/Vo-Tech/Other: <i>Moorhead State University, Moorhead MN; North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND- Bachelor of Science, Horticulture, Landscape Design</i>
Military Service: <i>None</i>	Branch:
In which Ward do you reside? <i>Ward 5</i>	
Special Skills/Talents/Interests/Hobbies: <i>Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Interested in how the Urban Environment affects peoples quality of life and ways to improve it. Avid outdoorsman who enjoys travel, camping, fishing, floating rivers, downhill skiing and gardening.</i>	
<b>PLEASE MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW :</b>	
At least 18 years of age? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Registered voter? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Resident of Billings for at least the last 2 years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Resident of Montana for at least 3 years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:</b>	
Previous and current community service: <i>During a 39-year career as a City Official I have worked directly with numerous and diverse community service organizations on a multitude of community projects and issues. In retirement, I have continued my involvement with Habitat for Humanity, Y.R.P.A., Chamber Trails Committee, the Arbor Day Committee and several other Park and Recreation Department programs and projects.</i>	
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive) <i>As a career municipal employee in four communities; Fergus Falls, MN, Bismarck, ND, Great Falls, MT and Billings, I have 39 years of experience in the administration, management, planning and directing of activities and operations associated with a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Department including parks, open lands and natural areas, urban forestry, streetscapes, horticulture, noxious and nuisance weeds, bicycle and pedestrian trails, golf courses, aquatic facilities, ball fields, playgrounds, cultural facilities and other community facilities, programs and services. I have also been involved with numerous Urban Planning programs, projects and initiatives. Additionally, I have vast experience working with the public on many issues and directly with every City Department in those communities, numerous County and State Governments in three states and many Federal Agencies and Departments.</i>	
Membership in other community organizations: <i>As a public official I worked with dozens of community organizations. However, I purposely did not join or become a member of any of them so that I could work with all of them with no bias or favoritism.</i>	

Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Billings? YES If yes, where and during what dates? *Employed by the City of Billings Parks and Recreation Department as the Superintendent of Parks and Public Lands from November 2008 through August 2017. Retired August 31, 2017*

Do you have any relatives working for the City of Billings? NO If yes, who, which department, and relationship?

Have you ever served on a City or County Board? YES Are you currently serving on a Board? NO If yes, where, what Board, and when did you serve? *In the communities I have worked for, I have been a representative and served on numerous public boards, advisory committees, and citizen groups including the Park and Recreation Boards, Urban Forestry Advisory Boards, Great Falls Design Review Board, Great Falls Growth Policy Committee, Neighborhood Councils, Neighborhood park development groups, Trails Working Groups, Great Falls Veterans Memorial Committee, Dog Park Committees, Cascade County Conservation District, Great Falls Sign Code Committee and Development Review Committees to name a few.*

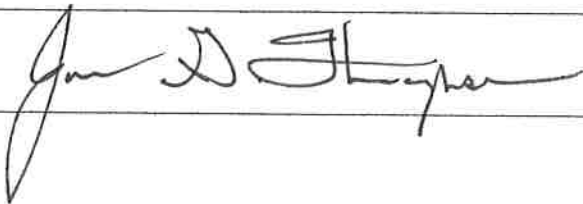
Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission or Committee? *Urban Planning and all of its aspects touches the lives of every resident of a community and good Urban Planning has tremendous potential to improve the immediate and long term economic, social, environmental and health benefits to the community and its citizens. Throughout my career I have been a student and practitioner of many areas of Urban Planning and was fortunate to be involved with many programs, projects and initiatives that enhanced and improved those benefits for the citizens of those communities that I have served. I believe that my experience, knowledge and expertise gained over 39 years of serving the public would be a valuable resource to the community and its citizens. In all of the communities I have served, the main mission of my professional life was to improve the quality of life for its citizens and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue that in retirement as a member of the Planning Board.*

Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this Board/Commission/Committee: *At various times during my career I was responsible for developing, reviewing and enforcing landscaping codes on private and commercial properties; developing and implementing park master plans; acquisition of park lands; managing park developments and construction projects; designing, installing and maintaining streetscapes; developing, implementing and enforcing City Codes and reviewing and approving urban development plans and specifications. I have extensive experience consulting, coordinating and working with public officials, advisory boards and councils, citizen groups, all media forms, professional organizations and local, state and federal governmental entities.*

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? NO If yes, describe in full giving dates.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? NO Exclude traffic citations only. If yes, describe in full giving dates. (Criminal convictions are not an absolute bar to appointment, except for some felonies, but will be considered in relation to an appointment.)

Signature:



Date: 03/08/18