



# CITY OF ARVADA

## City Council Boards and Commissions Interview Questionnaire

### **Board of Adjustment**

Hears all appeals of the zoning ordinance and requests for variances to the Land Development Code. Meets generally on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Appointees are paid \$75.00 per meeting. Terms are for three years. You must be a resident of the City of Arvada to apply.

#### **Instructions:**

- A. **Print** or **type** your responses. Be sure to include your name on your answer sheet.
- B. **Limit** your responses to one page.
- C. Submit responses to the City Clerk's Office

#### **PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. What is your understanding of the function for the Board of Adjustment?
2. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Adjustment?
3. Please describe any training, experience or expertise that would assist you, if appointed to the Board of Adjustment. What qualities do you have that would enhance your ability to serve on the Board of Adjustment? What job or volunteer positions, or other experience, have you had that required "critical analysis" skills, or enhanced such skills?
4. What do you think are the most important factors to consider in granting a variance based on criteria established by the Land Development Code, Section 3.20.8.B?
5. The great majority of the Board of Adjustment's cases involve variance requests. The legislative body (City Council) is the body that establishes both land-use regulations and the criteria to be applied to any application for a variance from those regulations. In the context of its variance responsibilities, the Board of Adjustment is a board of limited discretion, in which it considers the facts of an application in light of those legislated criteria to determine a decision on the variance request. What do you believe is the appropriate responsibility of a board member who personally disagrees with the language, purpose, or intent of a regulation from which a variance is being requested, or disagrees with one or more of the variance approval criteria that govern consideration of a variance request?
6. If board deliberations suggested to you that most or all of the other board members were inclined to vote a certain way on a given matter, but your assessment of the facts, and the law or standards to be applied to those facts, led you to believe a different outcome was appropriate, what would you do?