Application Form

Profile

Prefix | Sarah (First Name) | Middle Initial | Baker-mcevilly (Last Name) | Suffix

sarahbmc@bmcbakes.com
Email Address

364 broad st
Home Address

Suite or Apt

harrisonburg
City

VA
State

22802
Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

10

Mobile: (302) 535-5934
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

bmc bakes
Employer

owner
Job Title

Demographics - *(Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)*

Ethnicity

☑ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☑ Female

What is your age?

☑ 18-30 years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

☑ No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission (PC): Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have lived in Harrisonburg for nearly a decade and have fallen in love with the city and the community that has been built here. I am very invested in the development of Harrisonburg and how it can be better for everyone.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

I am interested in zoning, the growth of downtown, and responsible housing initiatives.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I worked for Senator Chris Coons in 2020, where I gained experience drafting political statements and addressing constituent concerns. These skills that taught me how to thoughtfully engage with diverse community needs. I hold a degree in Justice Studies, which shaped my understanding of responsible housing initiatives, fair community representation, and the importance of local civic involvement. In addition, I own a small business in downtown Harrisonburg and have worked in the restaurant industry here for five years. These experiences give me firsthand knowledge of how zoning, development, and planning decisions directly affect the vitality of our downtown and the day-to-day operations of local businesses. I bring both policy experience and a grounded, community-level perspective to the commission.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

This would be my first community board involvement, but I worked for Senator Chris Coons at his Dover Delaware office focusing primarily on communication with local constituents. I volunteered for the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy in Washington D.C. and for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion and Diplomacy during my time attending JMU. I currently own a small business and am very involved with Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance and participating in their events to revitalize downtown.

Resume.pdf

Upload a Resume

EPSAC Applicants only

Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only

SARAH BAKER-MCEVILLY

BMC Bakes

Owner and Founder

Entrepreneur

PROFILE

After my time in the military, I returned to Harrisonburg to pursue my dream of owning a business and fell in love with baking. I am creative and persistent, always focusing on the next step of advancement. I excel at facing challenges head on and adapting to the needs of my environment, which is why I am looking to serve my community through involvement with the Planning Commission.

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EXPERIENCE

BMC Bakes

2022-PRESENT

As the Owner of BMC Bakes, I have designed and implemented my business concept to functionality today. I started out by myself at market style events making $300 an event and have grown to ten employees and over $100,000 in sales a year in three years. I directly handle all social media, marketing, hiring, scheduling, inventory, menu selections and all other day to day operations.

Cuban Burger

2021-2023

As the manager of Cuban Burger I operated the bar during opening hours and handled inventory of alcohol and other food resources. In addition to this I oversaw staff hiring and scheduling.

U.S. Army

2019-2021

In the United States Army, I participated in various training exercises and classes that enhanced my adaptability in the face of the unexpected. I was placed in a leadership position overseeing the recovery of soldiers injured in training. In this position I would organize and direct 30 people to and from meal times, delegate assignments and advise trainees on standard daily procedures.

SKILLS

- Leadership
- Project management
- Creative problem solving
- Social media management
- Working in teams
- Adaptability
- Culinary skills

EDUCATION

James Madison University

2015-2019

Bachelor of Arts Justice Studies
Bachelor of Arts Religion

GPA 3.4