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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT - CITY COUNCIL SEAT 5

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Full Name: Thomas Francis Rebman
Home Address: 1867 Shannon Street NW
City: Palm Bay
Telephone Number: (407) 421-8115 Zip Code: 32907
Email Address: rebmanthomas@aol.com Fax Number: Not Applicable

EMPLOYMENT

Employer: Odyssey Jr./Sr. High School Occupation: Teacher
Address: 1350 Wyoming Drive SE
City: Palm Bay State: Florida Zip Code: 32909
Telephone Number: (321) 345-4117 Fax Number:
Email Address: rebmant@odysseycharterschool.com
Job Responsibilities: 7th Grade Lead Teacher, 7th Grade Civics

EDUCATION

High School Name: Brandon High School
Location: Brandon, Florida Years Completed: 11 Major/Degree: None
College Business or Trade School: Stetson University
Location: Deland, Florida Years Completed: 6 Major/Degree: MEd, Reading
Professional School: See resume
Location: Years Completed: Major/Degree:
Other: Not applicable
Location: Years Completed: Major/Degree:

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Have you ever held a business tax receipt? Yes No *If yes, please provide the following:*

Fourth and Goal Sports

Title: Owner

Issue Date: 1999 Issuing Authority: State of Florida

If any disciplinary action has been taken, please state the type and date of the action taken:

Disciplinary Action: None Disciplinary Date: N/A

Are you a resident of the City? Yes No *If yes, how long?* 7 Years 10 Months

How long have you been a resident of Brevard County? 7 Years 10 Months

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

Are you a registered voter of the City? Yes No

Are you employed by the City? Yes No *If yes, what department?*

Do you presently serve on a City board(s)? Yes No *If yes, please list board(s):*

Have you previously served on a City board(s)? Yes No *If yes, please list board(s):*

Previously volunteered as City Social Services Administrator

Are you currently serving on a board, authority, or commission for another governmental agency?

Yes No *If yes, what board(s):*

Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty to a criminal charge or pled nolo contendere (no contest) to a criminal charge? Yes No *If yes, what charge:* Violation of a Court Order

Where: Jacksonville, Florida When: 2003

Disposition was: Convicted Pled Guilty Pled No Contest

Have your civil rights been restored? Yes No

Are you a member or participant of any community organizations? Yes No

If yes, please list: See Resume

What are your hobbies / interests? Helping Homeless Citizens, Organizing Community Events, Mentoring

Young People

Why do you want to serve on City Council? I believe the appointee should be a citizen who has

already proven their willingness to serve our community, who is knowledgeable about the responsibilities of

being a City Council member, and has impeccable integrity. I believe I check all of these boxes. I have been

helping members of my community for 8 years. I mentor over 200 young students about City government

every year. I want to make our City a better place to live. We are the best in Brevard!

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

By filing this application with the City of Palm Bay and placing my signature below, I do hereby acknowledge the following:

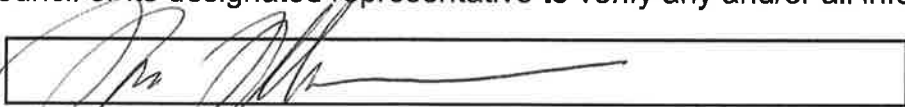
1. This Application, when completed and filed with the Office of the City Clerk, is a PUBLIC RECORD under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and is open to public inspection.
2. I am responsible for keeping the information on this form current and that any changes or updates will be provided to the Office of the City Clerk.
3. I consent to filing the Statement of Financial Interests. <http://www.ethics.state.fl.us>
4. If appointed, I acknowledge that it is my obligation and duty to comply with the following:

Code of Ethics for Public Officials (Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III)
Florida Sunshine Law (Florida Statutes, Chapter 286)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes>

5. I understand the responsibilities associated with being a council member, and will have adequate time to serve on City Council.

The information provided on this form is true and correct, and consent is hereby given to the City Council or its designated representative to verify any and/or all information provided.

Signature:



3/6/2023

Submit the application to:

City of Palm Bay
Office of the City Clerk
120 Malabar Road, SE
Palm Bay, Florida 32907

City of Palm Bay, Florida

RESIDENCY OF CANDIDATE AFFIDAVIT

I, Thomas Francis Rebman, a candidate for the Office of City Council (check one);


- Mayor
- City Council Seat 2
- City Council Seat 3
- City Council Seat 4
- City Council Seat 5

do hereby solemnly swear or affirm:

- 1) I have been a resident of the City of Palm Bay for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the selection date (April 13, 2023).
 - 2) I am a registered voter of the City of Palm Bay, residing at a City address.
 - 3) Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
- If 'yes', have your civil rights been restored? Yes No *NOT APPLICABLE*

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

3/6/2023
Date


Signature of Candidate

Address: 1867 Shannon Street NW

City: Palm Bay State: FLORIDA Zip Code: 32907



AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN FDLE BACKGROUND REPORT(S)

I hereby authorize the City of Palm Bay (the "City") to request and receive criminal history record information from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) or similar law enforcement/governmental agencies about me for purposes of City Council considering my application to be appointed to a current vacancy on the City Council, including but not limited to, for purposes of confirming my fitness for initial appointment to fill this vacancy, and any other use not prohibited by law. I acknowledge the criminal history report will be provided to City Council to aid in their decision making. I understand that I may withhold my permission and that in such a case, no investigation will be done, and the City Council will not consider my application to fill the vacant seat on City Council.

This Authorization is valid for current reports, and I specifically understand that the City intends for this Authorization to cover only my application for the current vacancy. I further understand that I am responsible for the costs associated with the criminal background check (\$24.00*).

Thomas Francis Rebman

Printed Name (First, Middle, Last)



Signature

3/6/2023

Date

*Payable by check, cash or money order

THOMAS F. REBMAN

1867 Shannon St NW, Palm Bay, FL 32907

March 6, 2022

Dear Mayor, Council Members, and Citizens of Palm Bay:

I am writing this letter to accompany my application for City Council Seat 5. I think it is important that you know many things about me that are not contained in the application. Before I tell you about myself, I want to give my opinion on what I think is important in the selection process.

- 1) I believe any candidate selected should be someone who intends to run for re-election. Our city needs stability. Anyone applying for this position should understand that change cannot happen in 2 years. We do not need someone to fill a gap. We need a committed Council Person with long term goals. If selected, I intend to seek re-election.
- 2) I believe any candidate selected should be someone who has a proven track record of community service. This position requires dedication and a heart for serving. We need someone in office that wants to serve the residents. I believe my past performance proves I have a passion for serving and a record of success. My wife is also super active in the community. She organizes a monthly fund raiser for the Palm Bay Senior Center (Vendor Fair) and is also highly involved in Meals on Wheels.
- 3) I believe any candidate selected should have a through knowledge of how City Government works, our current ordinances, and the contents of our charter. I teach Civics. I am very familiar with the workings of city government, all of our ordinances, and the City Charter. I keep up with all the current events in the City.

These are but a handful of reasons on why I would like to serve the residents of Palm Bay and I have not addressed the most important.... RESTORING INTEGRITY. We are the greatest city in Brevard County and we need to have people represent us that are good citizens. I believe I am a positive role model for my students and community members.



Thomas F. Rebman

LT, USN Retired

MEd Reading, Stetson University



Thomas Rebman

Homelessness and Educational Consultant
7th Grade Civics Teacher

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Educational Achievements

Received the 2021 Stetson University Distinguished Alumni Award for enhancing my students' community involvement and increasing their Civic responsibility and knowledge. I have been responsible for over 600 students and their parents attending Palm Bay City Council Meetings.

Selected as 2021 Teacher of the Year for the State of Florida by the American Legion.

Awarded the 2022 Brainly National Educator of the Year. Nominated by a former student, this award was voted on by students nationwide.

My students' mastery of standards on the State of Florida Civics End of Course Examination was in the top 10% of the state for the 2021-2022 school year. My students have had the highest Civics proficiency in the City for the last 6 years.

In 2018, I created the Odyssey Jr./Sr. High School Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Palm Bay. The club conducts many Community Service Projects per year, teaches "Service Above Self" and is largest Interact Club in the State of Florida.

Employment

7th Grade Civics Teacher; Odyssey Jr./Sr. High School, Palm Bay, Florida (2016 - Present)

Social Services Administrator (Volunteer); City of Palm Bay, Florida (2017-2018)

Educational Consultant/District Manager; United Way, Brevard County, Florida (2014-2018)

Intensive Reading Teacher; Orange and Volusia County Public Schools, Florida (2011-2013)

VP of Football Operations; Daytona Thunder Football Team, Daytona Beach, Florida (2007)

Education

Masters of Education (Reading), Stetson University

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education (K-6), Stetson University

Naval Engineering, Marine Engineering, U.S. Navy

Military Service

Retired Naval Officer with 23 years of service

Received 3 Navy Commendation Medals and 7 Navy Achievement Medals

Selected as 1987 Sailor of the Year for the USS Saratoga (CV-60). Ranked #1 of 2800 enlisted sailors. Selected as Sailor of the Quarter 5 times during my 3-year tour.

Selected as USS Canopus (AS-34) 1988 Sailor of the Year. Ranked #1 of 1500 enlisted sailors.

Recent Community Honors and Awards

Palm Bay "Rotarian of the Year" Award; 2019- 2020

News 13 "Everyday Hero" Community Award; 2018

Florida Today "Citizen of the Year" Award Finalist; 2018

Business Acceleration Network "Humanitarian of the Year" Award; 2017

WKMG Channel 6 "Making a Difference" Award; 2017

News 13 "Everyday Hero" Community Award; 2016