



**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Please complete the following form and fax (766-2996), deliver or mail (420 NW 2nd Street) to the Corvallis-Benton Chamber Coalition.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_ FAX : \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR SKILLS, EXPERTISE OR EXPERIENCE THAT MAY ASSIST THE COMMITTEE?

- Ability to Influence Others     Contribution of financial means     Willing to study issues/groundwork

Please include any expertise you may have in issues such as taxation, environment, land use, health care, etc. Also identify any skills in the areas of public speaking, testifying, economic analysis, etc.

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Does any part of your job/life include lobbying, if so, for what industry \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any special interest groups, if so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS OR TASK FORCES AT THE LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LEVEL ON WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED OR CURRENTLY SERVE:

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PLEASE INDICATE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

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*I AGREE TO THE TERMS DEFINED IN THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OPERATING AND DECISION MAKING GUIDELINES AND STATE THAT BY SIGNING BELOW I UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS OF SERVING ON THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mission:

**GAC:** The mission of the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC) is to improve the ability of our members to succeed in their businesses, by impacting local, state and federal government decisions, regulations and policy.

**CHAMBER COALITION:** To serve, grow, retain and recruit business.

## Purpose:

The key activities of the GAC include:

- Working with local elected officials (LEO), municipal government, state officials and state and federal legislators to enable the Chamber's mission.
- Influence local and state land use, regulatory and policy issues.
- Advocate for federal funding for education, transportation and technology infrastructure

## Decision Making Guidelines:

### OVERALL – GUIDING PRINCIPLE NUMBER ONE

Make decisions and take action to:

1. Encourage the free market system and the community's ability to take care of its own needs through legislation, policy and political affairs.
2. Increase the overall understanding of the interdependence of the economy with livability and the environment, creating a greater appreciation of the community benefits of a healthy economy and the value of competitive business.

### OVERALL – GUIDING PRINCIPLE NUMBER TWO

Promoting business, business development and community health by:

1. Promoting economic programs designed to strengthen and expand the cumulative community wealth-building potential for all classifications of business within the trade area; and
2. Discovering and correcting abuse and misuse which prevents the promotion and reasonable expansion of business and community vitality

### Specific Guidelines

1. The use of taxes should be fair and equitable in providing services and programs benefiting the economy, environment and the health and welfare of citizens
2. Reasonable regulations are necessary to a healthy economy.
3. Government policy needs to promote economic opportunity equally with environmental and social considerations.
4. Government expenditures should not grow at rates greater than inflation or the population.
5. Government must look for more efficient ways to provide services, maintain quality and restrain costs.
6. Inform and educate public officials, media and members about the potential impact of decisions on the local economy.

## Structure:

1. **Membership:** Each member of the GAC must annually complete an application and be approved by the Board of Directors
2. **Quorum:** A majority of members (50% +1) constitutes a quorum (if the GAC has 20 members, the quorum is 11).
3. **Decision Making:** Authority is autonomous from the Board of Directors when 75% of majority agrees on a decision.
4. **Decision Referral:** Any decision that passes by a margin of less than 75% (3/4 of a quorum) is automatically referred to the Board of Directors for a final decision. The GAC may also choose to ask for input from the Board of Directors on any issue it deems worthy. A referral can be made by passing a motion to refer or by special request of staff or the GAC Chair.
5. **Attendance:** 75% attendance required to maintain voting privileges each quarter. Attendance may be waived by the GAC Chair provided a member takes additional responsibilities for the benefit of the mission as long as such action is not directly related to the industry in which s/he works.
6. **Tie:** The Chair only votes to break a tie.