

Applications must be received in the City Manager's Office, 811 W. Laurel, Independence, KS 67301 or by Email at [KellyP@IndependenceKs.gov](mailto:KellyP@IndependenceKs.gov) on or before January 17, 2020

# APPLICATION

Tree Board  
City of Independence, Kansas

Date 01/16/20

Name Rachel Lyon

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Educational Background:

Name of School and Location	Dates	Diploma	Major	Minor
Independence Community College		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biology	
Pittsburg State University		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biology	Phys Science
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Please respond to the following questions: (If needed, use back of page)

1. Do you reside inside the corporate limits of the City of Independence? Yes X  
No \_\_\_\_\_

2. What experiences have you had that you feel would assist you as a board member?

I was part of the process for forming the Tree Board and helped in the selection and planting of the downtown trees. I have continued seasonal maintenance on those trees as time has permitted and have assisted City staff in the prevention and mitigation of further damage the last two Neewollahs.

3. Why do you want to become a member of the board?

While I am no longer a member of the City staff, I am still very committed to both community service and the long-term success of the Tree Board and all it is capable of.

I have well over a decade of hands-on horticultural experience that I think can and should be used to benefit my hometown.

4. Do you feel that there are any issues needing immediate attention by the board? If so, please explain.

I have no knowledge what the Board has been working on in the last few years so I can't say for certain. However there is always need for continued education and I'm sure the Board could assist City and/or Park Department staff with a project or concern they need extra helping hands for.

5. Other comments:

I appreciate your consideration and hope I am selected to serve.