

# Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

Term Length (Year)	Term Limit	# of Members	Mandate	Board Liaison	Board Liaison Email
3	none	5	Ord. No. 002251, § 1, 9-9-02; Ord. No. 130978, § 1, 9-18-14	Chief Steve Hesson	hessonsc@gainesvillefl.gov
					<b>Board Liaison Phone Number</b> (352) 393-8377

Member First Name	Member Last Name	Term Start	Term End
Robert	Baird	31 Oct 2021	01 Nov 2022
Andrew	Gray	20 Feb 2021	01 Nov 2022
Murdoch	John	05 Dec 2019	01 Nov 2022

## Board Description

(5-members; 3-year terms) (appointed by City Commission) (Ordinance No. 3388).  
The Fire Safety Board of Adjustment serves as an Appeals Board and to the greatest extent possible are qualified by training and experience in building construction and fire safety standards, and hereby authorized to hear appeals and to vary the application of any provision of the City of Gainesville Code when the City Code and the Building Code are in conflict.

**Name** :Murdoch, John

**Address** :2144 NW 4th Place, Gainesville, 32603

**Email** :jmurdoch@bellsouth.net

**Board Name** :Fire Safety Board of Adjustment

**Please confirm Full Name, including middle initial, prefix, and physical mailing address :**

John A. Murdoch, PE

**In what city district do you live? :**

District 4

**Employer** :Murdoch Engineering

**Phone Number** :3522847375

**Occupation** :Consulting Engineer

**Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.) :**

I want to ensure that all individuals have the safest buildings to live and work in.

**How many terms have you served on this board previously? :5**

**Disclaimer:**

**Under Florida law, all information, including e-mail, written letters, documents and phone messages, sent to the Gainesville City Commission are subject to Public Records law. This includes the sender's e-mail address, home address or phone number if shown in the message, the content of the message and any associated attachments to the mail.**

**Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119? :**

No

**Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behaviour or another reason? :**

No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee? :**

No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern? :**

No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee? :**

Yes

**If yes, which City Advisory Board/Committee? :**

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**Some of the boards and committees appointed by the City Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement? :**

Yes

**Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within the City of Gainesville and Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all city and county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations? \* :**

Yes

**Do you agree with the following statement? Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Advisory Board Handbook." \* :**

Yes

**Do you agree with the following statement? I understand that this completed application is the property of the City of Gainesville, is subject to public record requests and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. :**

Yes

**Attachments:**

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# **John A. Murdoch, P.E.**

## **Forensic Engineering**

**Areas of Expertise :** Vehicle Accident Reconstruction  
Vehicle Occupant Kinematics  
Lawn Mower Accident Reconstruction  
Machine Guarding  
Evaluation of Vehicle Seat Belt Systems  
Elevator and Escalator Accident Reconstruction  
Cause and Origin - Fires and Explosions  
Firearm Malfunctions  
Industrial Equipment Accident Reconstruction  
Slip & Fall  
Premises Liability  
Building Code Violations involving safety  
Pneumatic and Explosive Tool Accident Reconstruction  
Aircraft and Helicopter Accident Reconstruction  
Product Liability Claims  
Criminal Vehicular Accident Reconstruction

**Services :** Accident Reconstruction  
Forensic Engineering  
Biomechanical Engineering

**Education :** BSME - University of Florida

**Professional Experience :** 42 + Years of Forensic Engineering  
Project Manager  
Maintenance Test Pilot

**Professional Qualifications :** Registered Engineer - Florida, Georgia, Alabama  
Diplomat - National Academy of Forensic Engineers  
Diplomat - American College of Forensic Examiners  
Commercial Pilot Rating - Airplane & Helicopter  
Instrument Rating - Airplane & Helicopter

**Professional  
Affiliations :**

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)  
National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)  
Florida Engineering Society (FES)  
Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)  
American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)  
National Academy of Forensic Engineers (NAFE)  
American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)  
Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI)  
ASTM Committees E30 Forensic Science  
E58 Forensic Engineering  
F08 Sports Equipment & Facilities  
F13 Safety and Traction for Footwear  
F15 Consumer Products

**Publications :** 27 Publications on Energy Conservation

**Geographical Area :** No Limitations

**Cases & Clients :** 3900 + Cases  
55% Plaintiff / 45 % Defense  
Testified in Trial (480+)  
Testified in Deposition (875+)  
Circuit & Federal Courts  
United States Defense Department  
U. S. Navy, U. S Army  
Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Texas,  
Mississippi, Louisiana, California,  
Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Virginia

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