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Mr. Riddile & Town Council  
450 West Main St.  
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Dear Mayor Riddile and New Castle Town Council,

I am writing to apply for the vacant city council position within the town of New Castle. I have always had an interest in serving the great people who call New Castle home, its businesses, and the community as a whole and believe that my employment, community involvement, and background would be a benefit to the town.

Growing up most of my life in a military family in the Midwest has taught me that the most important things in life are family and the community around you. In addition, my upbringing taught me the value of hard work, morals and giving back. After high school, I graduated from Saint Cloud State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Secondary Education. It was then I knew that the roaring fork valley is where I wanted to call home. I started my professional career as a teacher at Glenwood Springs Elementary and this is where my civic involvement really began. While in Glenwood, I spent countless hours giving back to the community which included volunteering at local running events, community center events and even dressing up as the Easter bunny for local kids. In addition to volunteering, I wrote state grants and obtained thousands of dollars to successfully fund and start an outdoor program for the children in the community. My career path then led me into the insurance industry where I have been employed with American Family Insurance since 2012. My current position is the National Vendor Manager which has given me experience with financials, planning, management, public speaking and much more.

Since moving to New Castle in 2009 I have continued my community involvement by volunteering at local events, taking an active role with the chamber of commerce and building recreational trails within our community. All of these roles have helped me to learn and understand the needs and concerns of our great town's constituents. I have several ideas and visions for the Town of New Castle with one of my main emphasize being to increase traffic to our historic downtown and improve commerce. This letter is only a snapshot of the experience, education, energy, and new perspective that I would bring to the New Castle Town Council. I thank you for your time and consideration for this position and if additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Ryan P. Wilch