

Economic Development Services

Resources from the City of Tehachapi

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Let's Get to Business!

The City of Tehachapi's Economic Development Team can work with you to help solve complex business issues, from permitting to finance to site development – and help link you to key services and business opportunities.

Access to Capital

While we're not in the business of loaning money to entrepreneurs and local companies, we do have strong relationships with teams of professionals who are. Let us introduce you to the experts at the Small Business Development Center at CSUB Bakersfield. A free resource, they'll help you start the exploration for options in financing plus understanding various tax incentives, tax credits and other financial programs.

Confidential Assistance

We understand the importance of confidentiality for all business ventures. Whether you're in the planning stage, already in business, looking to expand or relocate, all discussions, planning sessions and research assistance is completely confidential and will only be discussed with other parties with your direction.

Business Networking

The City can help link your business to customers and business partners through a variety of ongoing initiatives. We participate in several regional economic development organizations including the Greater Tehachapi Economic Development Council, East Kern Economic Alliance, Greater Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce, Greater Antelope Valley Economic Alliance and the Kern Economic Development Council.

Business Support Services

The City has a dynamic economic development team that is ready to assist businesses during the planning, permitting, construction and opening of a new or expanding business. We serve as a resource to small businesses as well as information on City policies, projects and other data.

Analysis and Technical Support

City staff track economic and real estate issues at the local and regional level and have information that is readily available for the following areas:

- Demographics
- Retail Sales
- Employment Data
- Construction Activity
- Lease & Vacancy Rates
- Other Trends

This analysis is made available for free to local businesses, to assist with their planning, marketing and business decisions.

“The City has helped numerous times to expedite and streamline the permitting process on several building projects.”

Dan Proffitt, President of Superior Construction

“Our job is to help you get off to a strong start, provide quality infrastructure to keep your business growing and then get out of the way.”



Real Estate Services

Staff can work personally with you to help identify the right real estate solution for your business. Along with our community partners at the Tehachapi Area Association of REALTORS®, we can help answer questions about each business district, available properties and more. Start with the property locator at www.TehachapiAOR.com and come talk to us.

Partnerships with Local Businesses

It is important for the City and our economic partners to maintain close, trusting, long-term relationships with local companies. We have programs where City officials meet on-site with local businesses. This allows us to improve communications, identify potential issues and opportunities and explore ways that the City can assist local businesses. In addition, the City actively participates with the Chamber of Commerce and other local business groups and helps to support a wide range of business events and community building activities.

Land-Use and Zoning Assistance

The City of Tehachapi is on the leading edge of land-use management and have already adopted a new General Plan that complies with current State mandates including SB375 and AB32. Acting as both a forward-thinking vision and set of guidelines for implementation, our policies are user friendly, easy to interpret and will provide a clear and well planned path for years to come.

Expediting Permits

Customer service is the priority that guides and shapes all operations at Tehachapi City Hall and this is especially true when it comes to helping you obtain your licenses and permits. We will work together collaboratively to help you navigate through the permit process as fast as possible. We do this by keeping our regulations streamlined for all local permits and coordinate efforts with other permitting agencies for one efficient process.

Online Resources

Help is just a click away!

Use our “Tools for Business Success” – a complete resource center available to you day or night with tools for new and existing business owners both large and small. On it you’ll find...

- Business & Planning Assistance
- Funding Programs
- Business Location & Tax Incentives
- Business Formation Info
- Government Requirements
- Employer Assistance
- Business & Employee Training
- Taking your Business to the Next Level
- Marketing & Selling
- Networking, Social Media and Technology

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Business Development Checklist

Business and Marketing Plan

Successful businesses have a written plans. Start with the Small Business Development Center then continue your analysis with our available resources online at Tehachapi.ToolsForBusiness.info.

Scout Potential Locations

Whether looking for raw land, entitled land or existing space for lease or purchase we can help. Start with our Planning Department and Tehachapi Area Assoc. of REALTORS®

Secure Funding

Do you need financial assistance? Along with SBA, our local banks and regional partners can help. Use your business plan to assist you in working with these professionals to see what funding and opportunity might be available for you.

Start Permit Process

The permit process can often seem daunting but we're here to help. Start by visiting our own Planning and Building Department and contacting these other agencies as needed.

Network with Other Professionals

Get out there and mngle a bit with other business owners and professionals by joining and/or attending regular community meetings. Here are some organization that you might enjoy.

Advertise Your Business

Let the public know about your new or expanding business by advertising with local publishers. Our largest include two of our local newspapers and an area-wide lifestyle magazine.

Celebrate Your Success

Ready... Set... Go! Open your business with a splash by letting the City of Tehachapi or these great organizations know if we can help with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting.

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