

Technology Zone Incentives



What are Technology Zones?

A technology zone is a distinct geographical area of the city that provides a package of incentives designed to encourage technology business expansion and recruitment. Eligible business must derive their gross receipts from the design, development, manufacture or other creation, for lease, sale or license of technology-based products, processes or related services.

There are two technology zones within the city, the Downtown Technology zone and the Industrial Districts Technology Zone, all lands now or in the future zoned Industrial

What incentives are available?

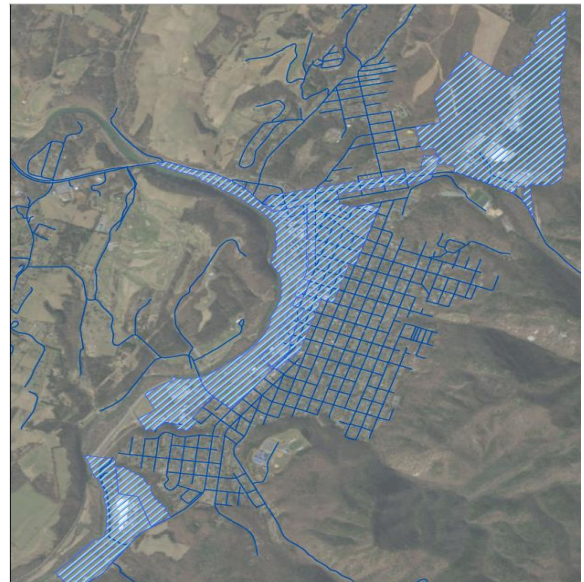
In exchange for the tax revenue and jobs generated for the City, businesses can be awarded incentives using the following parameters approved by Buena Vista City Council:

Existing Business:

- Rebate of a percentage of the utility tax on local telephone usage, electric usage and cable television.
- exempted from a percentage of the business, machinery & tools, professional, and other occupational license taxes and fees. They shall also have a percentage of business personal property rebated.

New Business:

- All of the benefits of existing businesses listed above, as well as the following:
 - Rebated sewer and water connection fees
 - Rebated fees for development plan approved; including site plan, zoning, subdivision, sign and building permit fees.





Is your business eligible for incentives?

Downtown District:

- Existing Businesses
 - Must increase average number of full-time employees by at least three (3) net new, full-time employees over the base year and demonstrate a new net capitalized investment of at least \$15,000.
- New Businesses
 - Must create a minimum average of three (3) full-time jobs and make a capital investment of at least \$20,000.

Industrial District:

- Existing Businesses
 - Must increase the average number of full-time employees in the technology zone by ten (10) percent over the base year and make a capitalized investment of at least \$150,000.
- New Businesses
 - Must create a minimum of twenty-five (25) full-time jobs and make a capital investment of at least \$150,000.

Qualifications:

- Businesses must derive their gross receipts from the design, development, manufacture or other creation, for lease, sale or license of technology-based products, processes, or related services.
- For both zones, the added capital investment shall be established by the value of personal property, machinery & tools, and/or real estate owned for the operation of the qualified technology business. Assets must be purchased for the technology zone business and not moved from another location
- Wages paid to the minimum threshold number of full-time employees must equal to twice the federal minimum wage
- For each additional full-time employee hired to work in the tech zone above the minimum employment threshold, can substitute for \$1000 worth of new net capital investment

Incentive Period and Review

- Qualified Technology Businesses shall receive the benefits of Technology Zone incentives for a five (5) year period .
- Once certified, the business must submit an Annual Review application to the Commissioner of the Revenue each year, indicating the number of full-time employees employed by the business and the amount of license tax, real estate, business personal property, and/or machinery and tool taxes paid by the business during the incentive period