

Appendix E: Potential Economic Development Policies

Category/Policy	Description
Land Use	Policies regarding the amount and location of available land and allowed uses.
Provide adequate supply of land to support employment growth	As per State requirements, provide an adequate supply of development sites to accommodate anticipated employment growth with the public and private services, sizes, zoning, and other characteristics needed by firms likely to locate in a particular city.
Cut red tape	Take actions to reduce costs and time for development permits. Adopt development codes and land use plans that are clear and concise.
Public Services	Policies regarding the level and quality of public and private infrastructure and services.
Provide adequate infrastructure to support employment growth	Provide adequate public services (i.e. roads, water, and sewer) and take action to assure adequate private utilities (i.e. electricity and communications) are provided to existing businesses and development sites.
Focused public investment	Provide public and private infrastructure to identified development sites.
Communications infrastructure	Actions to provide high-speed communication infrastructure, such as developing a local fiber optic network.
Business Assistance	Policies to assist existing businesses and attract new businesses.
Business retention	Targeted assistance to businesses facing difficulty or thinking of moving out of the community.
Recruitment and marketing	Establish a program to market the community as a location for business in general, and target relocating firms. Take steps to provide readily available development sites, an efficient permitting process, well-trained workforce, and perception of high quality of life.
Development districts (enterprise zones, redevelopment districts, etc.)	Establish districts with tax abatements, loans, subsidized infrastructure, reduced regulation, or other incentives available to businesses in the district that meet specified criteria.
Public/private partnerships	Make public land or facilities available, public lease commitment in proposed development, provide parking, and other support services.
Financial assistance	Tax abatement, waivers, loans, grants, and financing for firms meeting specified criteria.
Business incubators	Create low-cost space for use by new and expanding firms in Sweet Home with shared office services, access to equipment, and networking opportunities.
Mentoring and advice	Provide low-cost mentors and advice for local small businesses in the area of management, marketing, accounting, financing, and other business skills.
Export promotion	Assist businesses in identifying new products and export markets; represent local firms at trade shows and missions.
Workforce	Policies to improve the quality of the workforce available to local firms.
Job training	Create opportunities for training in general or implement training programs for specific jobs or specific population groups (i.e. dislocated workers).
Job access	Provide transit/shuttle service to bring workers to job sites.
Other	
Regional collaboration	Coordinate economic development efforts with the County and the State so that clear and consistent policies are developed.
Quality of life	Maintain and enhance quality of life through good schools, cultural programs, recreational opportunities, adequate health care facilities, affordable housing, and environmental amenities.