

ORDINANCE NO. 2029

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVE FOR  
BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
PLEASANTON, KANSAS:

1. A New Business Tax Incentive Program is hereby created, providing for the rebate of certain portions of City property tax to owners of certain new businesses within the City of Pleasanton, when those businesses meet the requirements outlined in the Business Tax Incentive Program Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
2. City staff is directed to prepare necessary forms and procedures to implement said Program, and to establish and maintain thorough records of the Program.
3. The City Administrator is authorized to make all necessary determinations as to eligibility and compliance with the program.
4. Applicants or participants may appeal any detrimental determination in writing, explaining in detail the reason for the appeal. Appeals shall be submitted to the City Clerk. Appeals will be heard by the City Council within 45 days of the filing of said written appeal.

ORDAINED THIS 22 DAY OF January, 2019.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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CITY CLERK



**BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM (This is NOT the tax incentive for new or re-habbed buildings, but for new businesses.)**

Purpose of Program- to offer tax incentives to individuals to open new businesses in existing structures when:

1. The structure is owner occupied, i.e., the owner of the business owns the building
2. The new business is not in direct competition with existing businesses operating in the City. Direct competition means the business is providing the same or substantially the same range of services or goods as an existing business, aimed at essentially the same customer base.
3. The property is in compliance with all city codes and all city and state regulations at the time of the initial application and at all times throughout the period of participation in the program. Failure to comply with this section may result in the business being eliminated from the program.
4. Taxes on the property are current at the time of application.

Process-

1. Make written application, verifying all of the above.
2. Applicant must complete the application process no later than 90 days after opening the new business and must document when the business opened and that it complies with all guidelines herein.
3. No business will be eligible for reimbursement until it has been open and operational for at least 6 months.
4. Business owner must pay the property taxes in a timely manner and submit receipts of same within 30 days of said payment in a request for reimbursement.
5. Reimbursement will be based on the following schedule:

Year 1- 75% of City property taxes

Year 2- 50% of City property taxes

Year 3- 25% of City property taxes

City staff will Need to develop and use:

1. App form- Applicant supplies the following information and certifies that the below is true:

- property description
- property owners
- business proposed
- owner occupied?
- no competition?
- compliance with codes and regulations
- taxes current
- date business opened (or will open)

2. Check list- City staff verifies the items below:

- check ownership
- check taxes
- verify competition
- list applicable codes and regs and verify compliance
- verify schedule
  - application filed no later than 90 days after business opened.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> refund may not occur until the business has been operating 6 months
  - Request for refund (showing taxes paid) must be made within 30 days of said payment
- verify that taxes are paid.
- reimbursement check will be made to all property owners