Economic Development in Yorkville

Frequently Asked Questions



Does the City choose which businesses go where?

No. It is the decision of a private business to decide where to locate. The City does have zoning districts dedicated for residential, commercial, and industrial uses which designate the types of land uses allowed within each zone.



What is reviewed at a public hearing?

The reviewing bodies at the public hearing take into account if certain criteria are met regarding the health, safety, and the general welfare of the public. They do not take market analysis or business-need in the community into account when reviewing the request.



Does the City help businesses with their market analysis?

No. Businesses conduct their own research and analyze the best locations for their business to be successful.



When is a public hearing held?

A public hearing is held when a proposed land use is permitted but requires public review due to the potential issues it may cause in the area.



Does the City help businesses with their site selection?

No. The developer decides to choose a site based on their own analysis without the City's knowledge. If the business does contact the City, it is to gain insights into the Comprehensive Plan's designated future land uses.



Is the City involved with new businesses in existing buildings?

The City requires a commercial permit for new businesses and will review it to ensure it meets all of the City's zoning and licensing regulations. The City cannot refuse to issue a building permit due to concerns of popularity or quantity of similar businesses within town.



Does the City participate in land acquisition for businesses?

No. The transaction between developer and the owner is completed without City involvement or participation.



