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# HELP FOR SMALL BUSINESS

## A LETTER FROM MAYOR TINA HARRIS



You may know that Echo Brewing just opened the doors to their new Historic Downtown Erie location. But do you know just how instrumental the Town was in helping the Richards family achieve their business goal? Thanks to a unique lease/purchase agreement negotiated by the Town's Economic Development staff, Echo was able to make the necessary capital improvements to upgrade an old fire station into a brewery in exchange for free rent. After certain milestones have been met - they will have the option to purchase the property outright.

How the Town helped Echo Brewing expand their business should serve as a reminder that while large financial incentives are not always available for small businesses other resources are. The problem is often that business owners don't know where to go for help. That's why I am asking for your help in spreading the word about business assistance resources already available to Erie businesses. Here are some examples:

### TOWN OF ERIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Assists with identification of potential business locations; helps businesses through the permitting and licensing process; and refers to agencies and services that may guide businesses as they start out and grow.

### Historic Downtown Neighborhood Building Fee Waiver

is available for properties within Historic Downtown Erie allowing business and property owners to save money on any renovations or expansions of businesses and homes.

A **business resource committee** is being formed and will have its first meeting in October. The goal of this committee is to identify more free and low-cost programs and services, as well as funding resources that can be promoted to Erie businesses and the entrepreneurs in Erie looking to start a business. The committee will consist not only of the Chamber, SBDC, and the Town, but local banks, workforce agencies and colleges.

There are also opportunities for businesses looking to grow and invest in Historic Downtown Erie through assistance of the Town of Erie Urban Renewal Authority (URA). The URA has the capability of assisting businesses looking to renovate existing or build a new buildings.

### SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The SBDC has office hours in Erie on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Erie Chamber of Commerce office to provide guidance and resources to start ups and small businesses, as well as providing workshops at the Erie Community Library nearly every other month.

### ERIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Erie Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting, promoting and growing the current and future Erie business community. The Chamber offers networking and trainings that are open to all businesses throughout the year.

### ERIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Erie Community Library offers numerous free business resources that may assist a business with research, management and writing a business plan. The library also provides several online services for businesses including the ability to download the latest demographics by community, distance or drive time from a specific location.

Please help spread the word so that we can continue to encourage the economic well-being of the existing businesses located within the Town as well as those considering relocating here.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tina Harris  
Town of Erie



## TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2014

Town of Erie Property Tax Mill Levies for 2014: 16.567 • General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04\*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44\*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.279 (\$147.07\*) \*Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2014 would be \$461.55.