



City of Fort Myers Impact Fee Waivers

Water (Expires Jan. 1, 2014)
Sewer (Expires Jan. 1, 2014)
Change of Use (Expires Dec. 2014)

Fast Track Plan Reviews and Permitting

Expedited process for projects identified as "economic projects".

Development Concierge Service

Service for projects identified as "economic projects" to provide concierge service through email tree communications, on-site consultations, external agency referrals, and cross-department coordination to rapidly respond to development requests.

Advanced Demographic, GIS Mapping Service, and Business Marketing

Project specific data and mapping services through economic development GIS layers, demographic data, and consumer trend data.

Shops QA micro-website business directory service. Provides web-based directory from City website to all businesses in the City. Provides businesses an interactive micro-website for information, marketing, coupons, directions, and mapping.

Enterprise Zone

State tax refunds and credits for businesses located in the EZ. City and County incentives.

Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Incentives

Provision of loans and grants to businesses and organizations to benefit low-to-moderate income residents through commercial rehabilitation, job creation, job retention, micro-enterprise development, job training, and small business loans.

Local Brownfields Program

City has 3 locally designated brownfields districts that qualify projects for State Brownfields Tax Credit incentive.

City uses EPA Brownfields Assessment and Clean-up grants to assist in the redevelopment of private and public properties.

Purchasing & Contracts

Local vendor preference for City businesses and continuing contract program.

Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (FMCRA)

14 Redevelopment Districts designated in Fort Myers.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – Tax rebates available to return percentage of property taxes paid for redevelopment projects.

Landscape/Façade Matching Grant

Business Development Grant

Marketing assistance through website and downtown directory, ombudsman and technical assistance for redevelopment projects, and business property location assistance.

Fort Myers Film Commission – promotes film activity at City locations.

Enhanced Municipal Service Levels – Decorative lighting, promotional signage, parking, police patrols, and storm water credits.

Southwest Florida Enterprise Center (SWFEC)

Business incubator that provides leased space to entrepreneurs for office and warehouse needs. Tenants are provided business services for administrative services, meeting space, and technical assistance.

Entrepreneurial school is offered to individuals interested in developing a business plan and learning how to start a business.

FEMA National Flood Insurance Program – Community Rating System

City CRS program participation reduces flood insurance rates for City businesses and residences by 15%.

Fire Department Service Level

City Fire service level provides a City-wide ISO rating of 3. The low rating is factored into commercial insurance policies to reduce rates for businesses and residences located within Fort Myers.

Enhanced fire services that provide incentive for commercial and industrial facilities to locate in Fort Myers include ladder truck service, technical rescue team, regional WMD primary response team, County hazardous material team, advanced life support service, and GPS closest unit response technology.

Harborside Event Center and Downtown Event Promotion

Harborside – riverfront event center for large conferences, trade gatherings, meeting space, and special event or product promotions.

MyRiverDistrict.com– promotes events and downtown businesses.

Downtown Event Promotions – City provides \$141,500 annually to promote 14 special events that attract over 250,000 visitors to Fort Myers annually.

Free day-visit and event dockage at Fort Myers Yacht Basin.

Out-parcels for convention hotel and restaurant/multi-use development adjacent to new water detention amenity site in the Downtown riverfront. Offsite storm water credits available with approval to reduce on-site design costs. The basin is designed to promote special event and economic activity.