

City of Southfield – Business
Development Services
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Business Development

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Financing

Is finding capital part of your expansion needs? The Business Development Team will coordinate efforts with **Oakland County** and the **State of Michigan** to seek financial assistance through the Southfield Economic Development Corporation.

Brownfield Redevelopment

Interested in a vacant or underutilized industrial site that might require environmental clean-up? The City of Southfield Brownfield Re-Development Authority can help make your vision a reality with programs designed specifically to address urban core industrial redevelopment. In an effort for you to understand the process, **please review this flow chart (pdf)**. The State of Michigan has provides a comprehensive guidance regarding utilizing the **Brownfield re-development program**.

Site Selection

Want to find a suitable site with minimal fuss? Call the Business Development Team for access to CoStar, a comprehensive site database. We can conduct searches using your specific parameters to quickly provide information on a range of properties suited to your needs. We also offer information about developers and brokers to assist your efforts.

Targeted Assistance

Are you competing for expansion with other plants around the country? We can provide presentation data to help convince headquarters to bring the project here. Our Business Attraction Team works with State, Regional and local partners to help relocating companies find a new location and tailored incentive packages.

Cutting "Red Tape"

Need help expediting permits, moving your issue to the "top of the stack," or getting the ear of the right people? The Business Development Department is an effort to coordinate their strategy in order to maximize the development potential of each business and the city as a whole.

Business License

Business Licenses are mandated by Southfield City Ordinance. Only a select number of businesses are required to obtain a license. The **Southfield City Clerk's Office** oversees this government function. You will need a new Business License if you are: starting a new business, the new owner of an existing business, opening an additional location for your current business or moving your business to a new location.

Business Registration

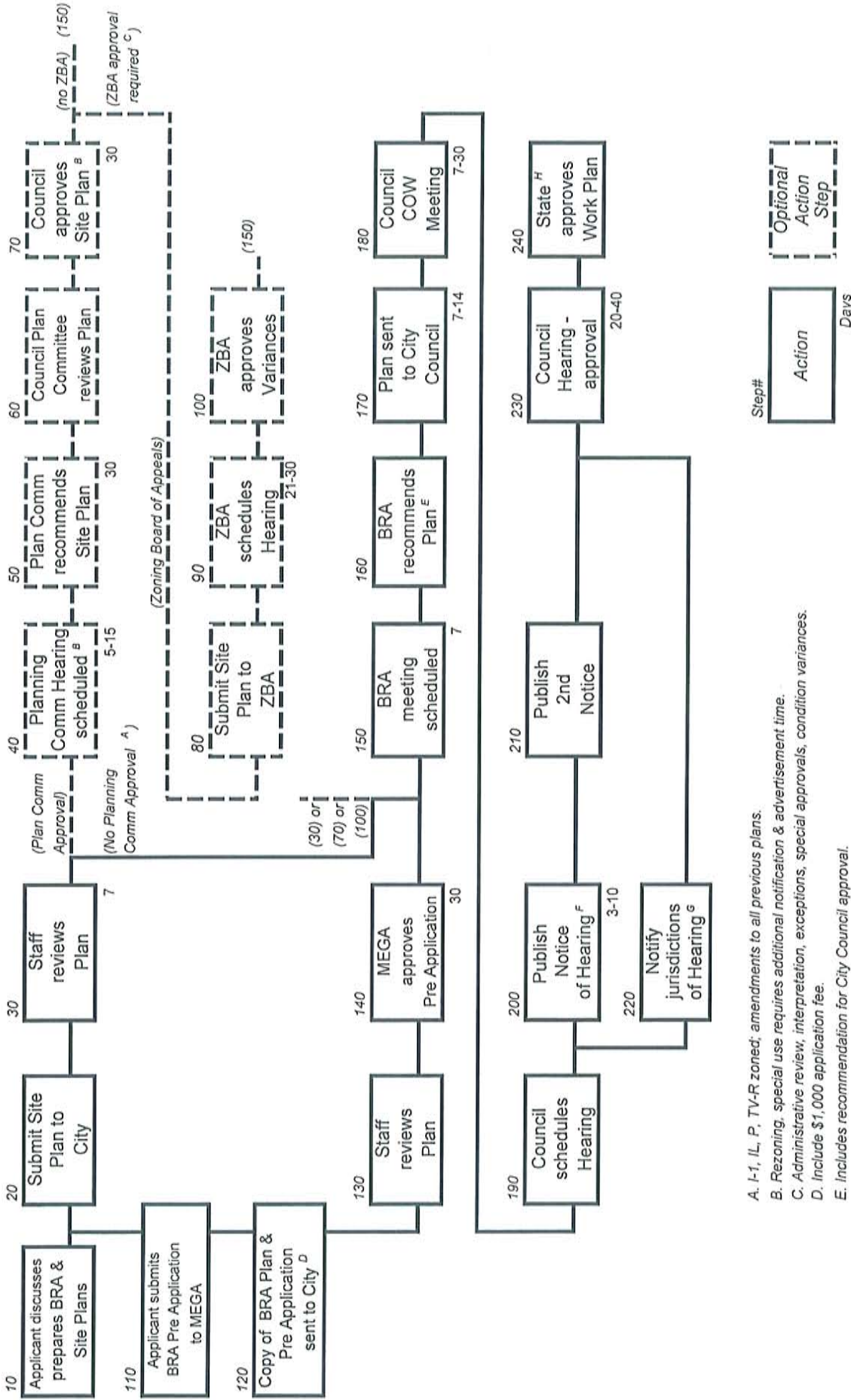
The City of Southfield is instituting a new business registration program. This voluntary program will allow us to create and maintain a database of certain information about our business community. Our goal is to develop a better way to communicate events, future developments and important news with our business community. We want to keep you informed and involved in Southfield. **More Business Registration Information**.

Starting A New Business

The City of Southfield wants your new business to be a success. Southfield has developed a **“Guide to Starting a Business” (pdf)**. Many other resources are available to assist you in your efforts. The following agencies provide excellent resources: **Michigan Small Business Development Centers, State of Michigan and Oakland County**.

Please contact the Business Development Team for assistance at (248) 796-4160 or southfieldbdt@cityofsouthfield.com

How to Adopt a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Plan



A. I-1, IL, P, TV-R zoned; amendments to all previous plans.

B. Rezoning, special use requires additional notification & advertisement time.

C. Administrative review, interpretation, exceptions, special approvals, condition variances.

D. Include \$1,000 application fee.

E. Includes recommendation for City Council approval.

F. First notice published minimum of 20, maximum of 40 days before Hearing.

G. Notify taxing jurisdictions at least 20 days before hearing.

H. MEGA, MDEQ, Treasurer must approve Work Plan to capture 'Education' taxes.