

# DEVELOPMENT FEE REDUCTION / WAIVER

## **Policy Description:**

The Economic Development Office, in coordination with Development Services, may offer reduced development fees or a waiver of development fees to those projects which meet the specific eligibility criteria. In an effort to create economic growth in specific catalyst areas the reduction or waiver of development fees will be utilized as an incentive. The identified catalyst areas are:

- Renewal Community Census Tracts (includes downtown and Corpus Christi (North) beach)
- Padre/Mustang Islands
- Other blighted or underdevelopment areas identified by the City Council

*The City Council reserves the right to waive or modify this policy.*

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Projects must be determined as 4A eligible projects; and
- Projects must provide proof of job creation.

## **Benefits:**

- Projects locating in one of the identified catalyst areas may receive a 50% reduction of the following development fees:
  - A. Plan Review
  - B. Building Permit
  - C. Platting Ordinance
  - D. Zoning Ordinance
- Any large or small primary employer recommended for incentives by the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation may have its development services fees waived.

A waiver of Penalty fees, due to City error, may be given to any project.

A waiver of fees will be made for projects in which the City is competing with other localities.

All other projects located throughout the City may be eligible for up to a 25% reduction of specified development fees based on the total benefit to the City including total capital investment, number of jobs created, average annual salary per job, and 10-year total of property and sales taxes from the facility.

The Economic Development Office may provide a reduction or waiver of Application Fees for those projects locating in an identified catalyst area. Multi-family housing projects may not be eligible.

**How to Apply:**

Applicants seeking incentives must file an application for Economic Incentives before the request can be considered.

Please contact the City of Corpus Christi's Economic Development Office at (361) 826-3850 to request the application or visit [www.cctexas.com/economicdevelopment](http://www.cctexas.com/economicdevelopment) to download the application. You may also contact the Development Services Department at (361) 826-3569 or visit [www.cctexas.com/developmentservices](http://www.cctexas.com/developmentservices) for more information.

The City shall not grant any incentive unless the business submits a full and complete application and provides additional information as may be requested. The accuracy of the information in the application is the sole responsibility of the applicant. Upon request the applicant shall provide supporting documentation. Any misstatement of or error in fact may render an application null and void and may cause for repeal of any ordinance adopted in reliance of said information.

If it is determined that the application meets these guidelines a full and financial programmatic review will be conducted. This review may be done by City Staff, an outside agency or consultant and will ensure conformance with these guidelines

**Additional Resources:**

Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation  
[www.ccredc.com](http://www.ccredc.com)