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The SBC meets the
4th Thursday of the month
at 4 p.m. in the
Mayor & Council Chambers
City Hall
1st Floor
255 W. Alameda



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PURPOSE OF THE TUCSON SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION

Ensure that the interests of private enterprise are championed, not to the detriment of, but to the greatest good of the public. Monitor taxes and other regulations imposed on small businesses in the City of Tucson and help maintain a healthy environment in which businesses can operate. Provide a forum for small businesses and bring issues to the attention of the Mayor and City Council.

Active Issues -- Tucson Small Business Commission

- ❖ **A-frame Sign Code** - Are businesses aware of the new ordinance? What effects will it have on business and on city aesthetics? Will enforcement be effective? It was approved by Mayor and Council and discussed at the July SBC meeting. Applications and info are available at Development Services 201 N. Stone 1st floor 791-5550 or from Joe Higgins of SportsBuzz Haircuts at 631-7400
- ❖ **Peddler's Ordinance** - we invite input to help monitor the impact on residential neighborhoods and on peddler's businesses
- ❖ **Occupational License Review - Initiated by the SBC** Goals: restructure fees to make more equitable and reduce cost to many businesses, provide greater visibility and accountability of active Tucson businesses for analytical purposes and maintain or enhance income for the City
- ❖ **University of Arizona** - concerns about the fairness of existing and proposed policies impacting off-campus businesses whose clientele includes U.ofA. students, departments, and faculty
- ❖ **Preparing for I-10 Construction Impact** - The SBC has begun discussion of this important topic. "When barricades go up, business goes down," said civic minded Bill Dorgan, Pres. of *Dorgan & Associates Helping Small Business Grow since 1984*. The SBC is researching means to coordinate with the involved agencies to find ways to minimize the inevitable damage to small business.

**Mayor & Council
Corner**

In future issues of this quarterly newsletter, this space will contain messages to Small Business from our Mayor and City Councilmembers.

ATTENTION
ALL Small Business Owners
The SBC wants to hear your
Concerns and Questions
>Contact us by E-mail at:
small.business@tucsonaz.gov



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This is an open invitation for Small Business Owners and Community Members to communicate your concerns, questions, and comments about how small business is conducted and regulated in Tucson.

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Small Business Resources

❖ ***Know The***

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SCORE - Provides Free, Confidential Counselling and Training for America's Small Business. New features are now being added. Call: 670-5008 or visit: <http://scoreaz.org>

❖ ***City Finance Department/Revenue***

(520) 791-4080

❖ ***Better Business Bureau***

(520) 888-1903

❖ ***Tucson Metro. Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 792-2250

❖ ***So. Arizona Small Business Assoc.***

(520) 327-0222

❖ ***Tucson Black Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 623-0099

❖ ***Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce***

(520) 620-0005

Know of a good resource? Tell us, so we can share it with others.

In spite of the obvious lobbying power of large corporations, Small Business is the engine that powers the economy of our cities.

My Point is -

Views and Concerns from
Small Businesses

Many small business Owners have expressed frustration at the complex regulations and difficulty finding all the steps needed to start/change a business. Why aren't there full checklists for tasks like zoning, signage, ADA, fire reg's, etc.

SBC Response: The Fin. Dept. is working with us to update the brochure '17 Steps to starting a business' which should help.

I Didn't Know That!

Info and tips to help small
businesses

While Freight Charges for delivery of merchandise TO the business is a cost of doing business and is not exempt from gross sales, Delivery & Freight Charges for delivery at the time of transfer of tangible personal property to the buyer are exempt from gross sales, provided they are separately billed to the customer and separately maintained in the business's books and records.

Want more info on this? Contact City of Tucson Revenue Division (520) 791-4080