



Tower District Vacant Building Incentive Eligibility Checklist

The Tower District Vacant Building Incentive Program is a Pilot Program designed to incentivize commercial job creation within vacant building storefronts in the Tower District. To qualify, a business must create at least three new jobs and an increase in sales tax revenue. The program will provide a 50% reimbursement of the City of Fresno’s share of local sales tax received from business operations at the qualifying address for up to two years. The total value of incentives shall not exceed \$375,000.

In order to qualify for this program, your business must be able to meet **ALL** of the following eligibility requirements:

Check if

YES

- Location is within the “Tower District Incentive Area” (see map on page 2)
- Business is a local commercial or retail business and **NOT** part of a national chain
- Location is on the ground floor and faces a public street
- Location is currently zoned for commercial development
- Location has been vacant for one month or longer
- You own/will own the property or have/will have a long-term lease of two years or more
- Business has 75 or fewer employees
- A minimum of three new jobs will be created and retained at this new location
- Business will create an overall increase in sales tax revenue
- Business has a current business tax certificate
- Business is **NOT** a smoke shop or cannabis related business

If you marked **“YES”** for **ALL** of the above, please fill out the remaining portion of this form and submit to the Economic Development Department at economicdev@fresno.gov. Someone will contact you to discuss further.

Business Name: _____ Date: _____

Business Representative Name & Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tower District Address the Business will Occupy: _____

Business Description: _____

Please be advised that a copy of pertinent documents, such as, but not limited to, ownership paperwork or lease agreement, may be required before approval will be granted.

