



Enterprise Zone

What is it?

The Enterprise Zone is an economic development tool approved by the State of Oregon to provide property tax incentives for eligible businesses that are growing and creating new jobs.

What are the benefits?

Qualifying businesses receive a minimum of three years of property tax exemption associated with new construction, additions, or significant tenant improvements on the property. The exemption can extend to five years if certain compensation requirements are met.

How does it work?

In exchange for the property tax waiver, called an abatement, qualifying businesses commit to a minimum of a 10 percent increase in employment where the expansion occurs. The jobs created must be maintained for the duration of the tax benefit (and must meet specific compensation levels to qualify during years four and five).

Who's eligible?

Business or property owners located in the Jackson County Enterprise Zone may be eligible. Eligible business activities are generally described as traded sector businesses such as manufacturing, assembly, shipping, storage, call centers, processing, fabrication, and headquarter facilities.

Review the Jackson County Enterprise zone maps on the reverse side to determine if your business is located in one of the three Ashland zone areas.



E-Commerce Zone

What is it?

The E-Commerce Zone offers income tax exemptions for investments made in computer equipment, network servers, data storage, communications and other hardware and software systems that facilitate and expand conducting business over the internet.

What are the benefits?

Qualifying businesses receive income tax exemptions on certain e-commerce related investments.

How does it work?

Qualifying internet based businesses located within one of Ashland's three Jackson County Enterprise Zones receive income tax exemptions on qualifying hardware and software investments.

Who's eligible?

Eligible businesses have more than 50% of business sales activities generated or processed using the internet. Primary activities include technical support, claims processing, client evaluation, shipping, warehousing or other similar operations.

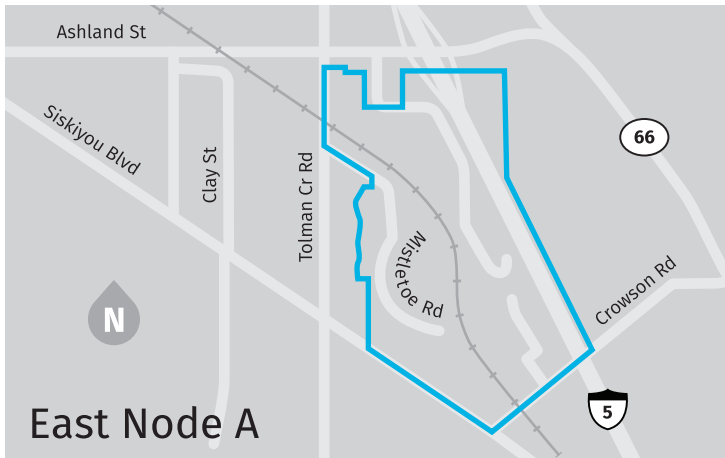
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Find out if you're in an Enterprise Zone. See reverse side.





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Give Us A Call to Learn More

Contact Adam Hanks at the City of Ashland to find out more about how your business may be able to take advantages of these programs.

Business Resources

Business owners in Ashland benefit from a strong support system of community partners focused on helping businesses succeed and grow in Ashland.

Below are a few key resources for local businesses:

Ashland Fiber Network

AFN is the city-owned telecommunications service that features speeds of up to 1 Gigabit. AFN fiber services are locally supported and 99.9% “always on”.

ashlandfiber.net — for service details

The Ashland Business Resource Portal

Led by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and supported by the City, SOU, US Bank, Ashland Fiber Network and others, the portal is a dynamic website created as a one-stop site for business news, economic data, educational workshops and business assistance for starting, growing and developing business in Ashland.

ashlandbusinessresource.com — for more information

SOREDI

Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. is the Rogue Valley’s business development resource made up of private and public sector partners with a mission of helping businesses prosper and grow throughout the region.

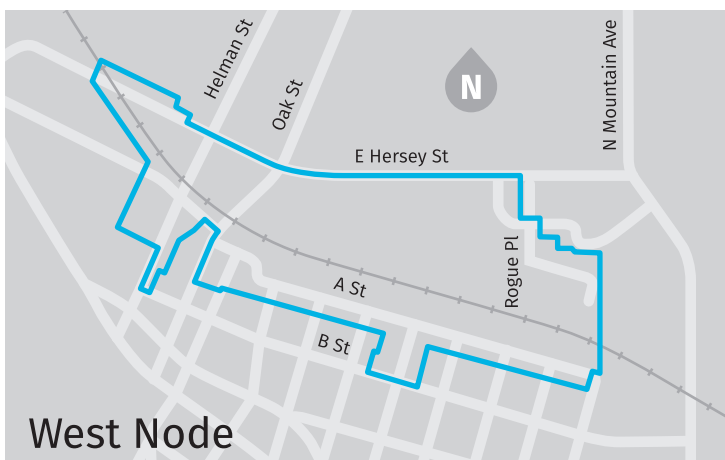
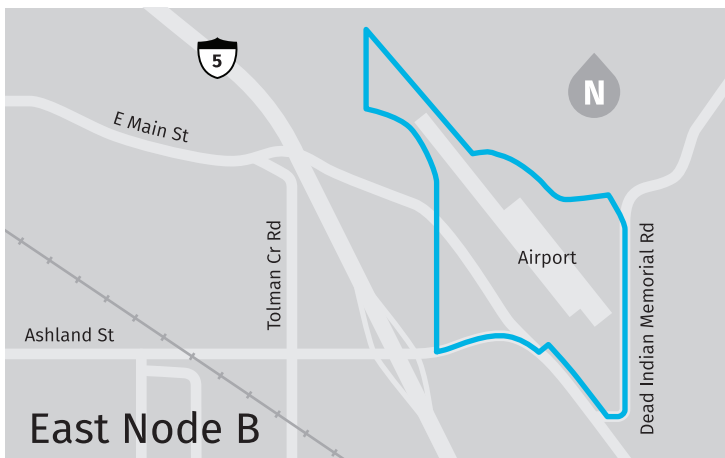
soredi.org — for more information

Ashland Innovators Conference

Created by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Southern Oregon University, the annual conference showcases innovative companies, organizations and students in Ashland.

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ashland.or.us/enterprisezones — for more information



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