



The City of La Center
 Seeks A
Community/Business Development Manager

Salary: \$115,000 + Generous Benefits

A Job Opportunity Unlike Any Other In A City Unlike Any Other...



The City of La Center is a beautiful small city surrounded by rolling hills, green fields, and waterways, which is located 20 minutes north of the cities of Vancouver and Portland. There are ample spaces in the region for great business opportunities and land development adjacent to nearby I-5 and a new casino, and not far from the quaint downtown region that is eager to welcome new businesses and visitors. Local housing offers a combination of older established and newer homes. Those that live, work, and visit the city may find a wide range of outdoor activities including golfing, a variety of water sports, or visiting one of the many parks, or nearby wineries. La Center is a great place to raise a family, retire, or open a business.

The Ideal Candidate

This proven professional will work with the City’s leaders and community representatives, along with local and regional partners, to attract business opportunities that align with the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Skilled in identifying opportunities to stimulate commercial and residential development strategies for attracting business interests and commitments, this director will need to be experienced in developing marketing strategies that will attract business and property developers committed to promoting the City’s values. This is a working manager position that needs to be experienced in leading planning activities in conjunction with the Planning Commission and designing consultants will be a key function of this leader who will be responsible for overseeing the City’s permitting, engineering, and code enforcement activities.

Primary Responsibilities

- Implement and monitor the City’s long-term plans, goals, and objectives for achieving the City’s mission and the Council’s priorities in accordance with the annual budget
- Review development plans to ensure compliance with design and development codes, environment requirements, technical completeness of contract specifications; work to resolve problems, negotiate plan revisions and develop alternatives that may better meet the City’s needs while accommodating the needs of business representatives;
- Work with real estate, finance, development, property owners and other strategic partner communities and non-government organizations to facilitate economic vitality for the city; oversee all aspects of planning, development, code enforcement, and regulatory compliance

- Oversee development and management of various planning projects and programs from conceptual design and final construction while representing the City's interests
- Use comprehensive knowledge of general laws and administrative policies governing municipal economic development, land use, and municipal financing; develop internal practices to meet the customers' needs cooperatively and efficiently; exercise excellent political skills at the local, county and state level
- Present proposed programs and projects to community groups and at public meetings and hearings; make presentations to the City Council and other elected bodies and boards as needed; represent the City on committees and boards relating to local and regional economic development issues. Work cooperatively with adjacent cities, regional entities, and state/federal agencies regarding land-use issues that may impact La Center
- Develop momentum around a new direction for economic development that will attract new business and light industry to La Center that offers comparable wages, value-added jobs, and aligns with the City's interest in valuing "small town living." Seek out grant opportunities that supports and reflects the City's quality of life values
- Assign work, supervise and oversee the work of the City Engineer and Associate Planner
- This list of job responsibilities is not all-inclusive

Job Qualifications/Minimum Skill Standards

- A Bachelor's degree in economic development, business or public administration, marketing, urban planning, community development, political science, or a related field. Combination of education and related experience may substitute for education requirements.
- Five years of progressively responsible experience in applying the principles of economic development, planning, land use and municipal financing. Knowledge of tribal regulations is desired, but not required.
- A demonstrated track record of establishing collaborative relationships with business partners, community organizations, and key city officials in building a strong and vibrant business community.

Total Compensation

- Starting Salary: \$115,000 - Annually
- Member of AWC Employee Benefits Trust (100% paid medical, dental, and vision for the employee and 85% for dependents) plus employer paid Life Insurance and Long-Term Disability
- Participation in the Washington State Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS), opportunity to participate in employer-sponsored Deferred Compensation Program
- Generous time off including paid holidays, sick and vacation leave

**To Apply: Send Resume and Cover Letter to Janice Corbin @sescorbin@msn.com
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