

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

GOAL 11A: PROMOTE AN ECONOMIC CLIMATE WHICH PROVIDES ECONOMIC STABILITY, MAXIMIZES JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND INCREASES PER CAPITA INCOME FOR CITY RESIDENTS.

Objective 11.1: Create new and expand existing business sites that are compatible with the City's land use plans and policies.

Policy 11.1.1: The City shall work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Alliance to develop and retain businesses consistent with land use plans, mobility plans, and infrastructure availability.

Policy 11.1.2: When evaluating economic development proposals, the City shall work with the Chamber of Commerce to analyze the impacts on existing and proposed neighborhoods, and environmental protection, as well as job and tax base growth.

Policy 11.1.3: The City shall support efforts to expand tourism activities, particularly within each of the established Community Redevelopment Areas.

Policy 11.1.4: The City, in conjunction with the Regional Planning Council, shall assist interested parties in using and understanding brownfields redevelopment programs and grants available to encourage redevelopment of areas with real and / or perceived environmental contamination.

Policy 11.1.5: The City shall assist in the development of industrial and commercial locations and business parks.

Policy 11.1.6: The City shall coordinate its comprehensive planning and land development activities with the Panama City Port Authority so as to expand deep water trade at Port Panama City.