

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING COMMERCE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP**

NO. 2026-035

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of fostering a culture that supports businesses—large and small—encourages responsible development, and aligns with the priorities outlined in the Economic Development Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, Commerce City has been one of the fastest growing communities in Colorado, growing over 300% since the year 2000, from 20,000 residents to over 70,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, a significant increase in commercial construction has been observed, with over \$375 million in commercial construction permit value issued in 2025 alone, in addition to the strong residential investment which typically adds approximately 1,000 new residential units to the community each year; and

WHEREAS, Commerce City has made significant progress over the past two years in advancing economic development initiatives that strengthen our local economy and enhance quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, Commerce City has undertaken key actions to modernize and improve its economic development framework, including:

- Adopting the Comprehensive Plan 2045, setting a long-term vision for sustainable development. The core principles of the plan include, “Commerce City will build a resilient tax base by supporting its businesses, from the smallest startup helmed by a first-time entrepreneur to its oldest, well-established industries. Commerce City will live up to its name, known as a place of thriving commerce and a well-rounded, sustainable local economy;”
- Adopting the Economic Development Strategic Plan as a valuable tool guiding the activities, priorities and investments in Commerce City. It serves as a pivotal document in establishing or road mapping our future for economic investment;
- Updating the Economic Development Incentives Policy, which is positioned as both a city-wide directive and an operational framework. The policy signals the City’s willingness to participate in new commercial investment, in particular in the areas of retail, restaurant and hotel development;
- Establishing and supporting the Small Business Task Force to study the challenges and opportunities available to local entrepreneurs. The report of the Task Force identifies the creation of new retail space and broader access to programming as priorities that are now driving the work of the City’s professional staff;

- Strengthening partnerships through Community Development Roundtables to promote collaboration and transparency;
- Initiating programs such as the Small Business Ambassador Program and Workforce Advisory Committee to further strengthen local business engagement and workforce development;
- Revising the Land Development Code to promote economic development, health & safety, and the most appropriate use of land throughout the City; and
- Evaluating and assessing permitting processes and associated fees to optimize market conditions that support delivery of smart growth.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals to this resolution are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This resolution is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

SECTION 2. The City Council reaffirms its commitment to economic growth and business partnership as a cornerstone of Commerce City’s future.

SECTION 3. The City will continue implementing strategies that promote fairness, competitiveness, and smart growth, ensuring that Commerce City remains a vibrant and prosperous community.

SECTION 4. The City Council directs staff to maintain and strengthen collaboration with business leaders, developers, and community stakeholders to advance the goals of the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

SECTION 5. Together, these efforts demonstrate that Commerce City is open for business, ready to attract new investment, support local entrepreneurs, and deliver a stronger, more vibrant economy for our residents.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Steve J. Douglas, Mayor

ATTEST

Stephen J. Ruger, City Clerk