

Chapter 104, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT PROGRAM

[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Binghamton 5-20-1985 by Ord. No. 64-85 (Ch. 19, §§ 19-33 through 19-36, of the 1970 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Empire Zone -- See Ch. 50.

Infrastructure Development Plan -- See Ch. 76.

§ 104-1. Purpose.

A. The purpose of the Neighborhood Business District Program is to encourage stability and vitality in the City of Binghamton's Neighborhood Business District by the provision of public improvements and through the assistance of programs focused on the needs of each area.

B. This program is envisioned as a concentrated effort to upgrade the overall physical appearance of neighborhood areas and provide economic development assistance to commercial property owners, and small business owners through technical assistance and loans in these areas.

§ 104-2. Goals and objectives.

The goals and objectives of this program are:

A. Retention and expansion of neighborhood job opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

B. To aid in the stabilization of the existing tax base.

C. To preserve and promote neighborhood commercial revitalization within the City.

D. To upgrade the physical appearance of neighborhood commercial areas.

§ 104-3. Administration.

A. The Neighborhood Business District Program will be administered by the Binghamton Local Development Corporation's Neighborhood Development Agency. Community development block grant funds programmed to the BLDC's Neighborhood Development Agency will be used for the following:

(1) Development and funding of programs to aid commercial property owners in the rehabilitation of their structures. Programs such as facade assistance and rehabilitation loan programs would be available to property owners.

(2) Development and funding of programs to aid small business owners in their future growth and expansion.

(3) Retention of an architectural/engineering firm(s) to develop an overall design plan for each area, and to complete plans and specifications for public improvements such as sidewalk and curb replacement, landscaping and street furniture.

(4) Bid and award of contracts for public improvement projects for each area as determined by the architectural/engineering recommendations.

B. The staff of the NDA will meet with individual merchants and property owners to advise them of programs available through the Binghamton Local Development Corporation, historic tax credits through the Economic Relief Tax Act of 1981, as well as other local, state and federal programs.

§ 104-4. Eligible areas.

The following areas within the City of Binghamton will be eligible under this program:

A. Robinson Street (Broad to Bigelow).

B. South Washington Street (Vestal to Conklin).

- C. Chenango Street (Sturges to Bevier).
- D. Conklin Avenue (Tompkins to Burr).
- E. Leroy Street (Murray to St. John).
- F. Glenwood Avenue (Clinton Street to Prospect).