

SHOP THORNTON FIRST



Why is it important to Shop Thornton First? When consumers Shop Thornton First, they not only support your business but their tax dollars also support city services including Thornton's public safety services, community services (parks and recreational and cultural programs), roads and streets, city development, and legislative and administrative departments.

The Shop Thornton First program markets and showcases Thornton-based businesses not only for the purpose of attracting consumers to shop locally, but also to educate Thornton residents of the benefits of shopping Thornton first. To claim and customize your free business page, go to www.shopthorntonfirst.com.

COMMERCIAL GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROGRAM

Homeowners, condo owners, Homeowners Associations (HOA) and commercial property owners are eligible to take advantage of the city of Thornton's free graffiti removal program.

Graffiti located on fences, walls, signs, garages and sheds that are adjacent to city streets, alleys, parks and trails is eligible for removal. To participate, the property owner must complete and sign a waiver and consent form allowing city staff to step onto the property to remove the graffiti.

Graffiti Hotline: 720-977-5099
graffiti@cityofthornton.net
www.cityofthornton.net/neighborhood



BUSINESSES OF THORNTON ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Businesses of Thornton Advisory Commission (BTAC) is a commission of the city council made up of appointed representatives from Thornton's business community. The general purpose of BTAC is to discuss and share both the challenges and successes experienced by Thornton businesses.



BTAC provides recommendations for a set of business support programs providing resources to aid local businesses in accelerating the improvement projects necessary to support their ongoing success and encourage the expansion of their Thornton facilities.

Interested in getting involved? Contact Robin Martinez at 303-538-7393 for more information or for an application.

BUSINESS APPRECIATION AWARDS



Thornton is proud to be home to nearly 1,800 businesses of all sizes and across all industry sectors. This event celebrates their contributions to the economic vitality of the city of Thornton. The established five award categories are:

- Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Retailer of the Year
- Company on the Move
- Industrial/Office Project of the Year
- People's Choice

Businesses are nominated by business owners, managers, employees, and customers. From these nominations, the BTAC commissioners, with support from city staff, selects the five award winners who are recognized at the event.

For more information regarding
city of Thornton business support programs contact:

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THORNTON BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMS



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There is a tremendous amount of opportunity within the city of Thornton for existing and new businesses to thrive and grow. Elected officials and city staff dedicate a substantial amount of effort to creating an atmosphere that provides businesses located in Thornton with every possible advantage.



The principal focus of Thornton's business support programs is to provide a high level of customer service and access to a wide variety of resources dictated by a company's unique needs. Our customer-focused approach to expansion and retention delivers value to Thornton's large and small employers by quickly connecting them to the resources they need and removing barriers to business growth.

The city of Thornton Economic Development office can assist and recognize your company in a number of different ways:

- Business Site Selection
- Business Health Check-Ups
- Business Grants
- Commercial Graffiti Removal
- Technical Assistance: Business Plans
- Shop Thornton First Program
- Businesses of Thornton Advisory Committee
- Business Appreciation Awards

BUSINESS SITE SELECTION

Considering moving your business to or expanding within Thornton? The city of Thornton Economic Development office is here to help you explore Thornton as the potentially new or expanded location for your business. We can assist with real estate searches, utility information, coordination with city permitting, labor market information, incentive negotiation and many other services. ED staff will work closely with you throughout the relocation process to provide the information and resources needed to make the best decision for your business.



BUSINESS HEALTH CHECK-UPS



A business health check-up provides business owners and representatives not only an opportunity to get to know your Local Business Administrator but also a chance to assess the overall health and development of your business. The one-on-one check-up lets you share thoughts and ideas about improving business and services in the city of Thornton. In addition, you'll learn more about a variety of available resources such as grant and tax credit programs, financial lending programs, workforce development and analysis, marketing, procurement, small business growth and development workshops, and much more.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The purpose of the city of Thornton Business Improvement Grant is to support existing small businesses, revitalize existing structures, create new job opportunities for Thornton residents, and transform commercial corridors into thriving and inviting neighborhood centers.

Since its start in 2010, the city has awarded over \$1.1 million in Business Improvement Grants to benefit more than 80 local businesses. These grants have benefited the community with over \$2.8 million in total reinvestment in Thornton businesses.

Go to www.businessinthornton.com for an application and program guidelines.



STAR GRANT



The purpose of the STAR Grant is to revitalize commercial areas located in the South Thornton Development Authority area by attracting and supporting new and expanding businesses to the area. Similar to the BIG Grant, the STAR Grant is designed to assist business owners with interior and exterior building improvements and equipment needs, as well as the cost of permitting, licensing, and payment of city permitting and licensing fees.

Go to www.businessinthornton.com for an application and program guidelines.

SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The city of Thornton partners with resource organizations from across the region in order to support and assist existing, expanding and relocating businesses. The North Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is dedicated to helping existing and new businesses grow and prosper by providing free and confidential consulting and no- or low-cost training programs. The SBDC combines information and resources from federal, state and local governments with those of the education system and private sector to meet the specialized and complex needs of the small business community. Consulting experts work in partnership to provide entrepreneurs with crucial information that can mean the difference between success and failure. BTAC is proud to have a strong partnership with the North Metro Small Business Development Center and is eager to connect your business to this valuable resource.

