

**LOCAL STANDARDS FOR
ROUTE 220 SOUTH ENTERPRISE ZONE**

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I. Businesses--which shall include, but not be limited to proprietorships, partnerships and corporations--may not be certified by the Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee for participation in the Enterprise Zone program unless they are engaged in activities which may be subsumed under at least one of the following categories:

- A. Manufacturing, defined as the process of producing or assembling goods, by hand or machine, for sale to others.
- B. Research and development.
- C. Tourist or convention services.
- D. Commercial activities in office buildings, which include corporate headquarters or regional offices of the business which is applying for Zone certification.
- E. Business services provided by existing firms with retail sales to the general public, accounting for less than ten percent (10%) of total sales.
- F. Warehousing.

II. In order for a business to receive Enterprise Zone benefits, the business must create employment or make an investment.

III. Existing businesses in the Enterprise Zone must demonstrate a five percent (5%) increase in employment to a minimum of one new job above a base employment level within a reasonable time period as determined by the Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee in order to be certified for participation in the program.

IV. Businesses relocating in the Enterprise Zone may not relocate from another section of Cumberland and/or Allegany County and gain Enterprise Zone Certification unless all of the following criteria are met:

- A. Having relocated into the Zone, the business must demonstrate a ten percent (10%) increase in employment over its previous high level for the preceding five (5) years.
- B. The increase in employment must have occurred within the first year of operation in the Zone.

C. The Advisory Committee must agree by majority opinion that it was impossible for the business to have expanded at its previous location (outside the Zone).

V. Local government may construct buildings to attract prospective business tenants. The Enterprise Zone Committee may certify such buildings as eligible for Enterprise Zone credits. At such time as a company, which qualifies for Enterprise Zone credits, occupies such a building, the company shall be entitled to property tax credits for said building. However, the building shall be eligible for credits for only ten (10) years beginning with the date of certification of the building and the company occupying said building shall only receive credit for that portion of the ten (10) years that it actually occupies the building.

The above Local Standards are administered by an Advisory Committee appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland and the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland. For more information regarding Local Standards, contact Mr. Matthew W. Diaz, Allegany County Department of Economic & Development, at 301-777-5967.