

Securing Black Diamond's Economic Future

How planned growth can bring new jobs and services to the community

Jobs

Healthy, vibrant communities need robust retail, restaurant, commercial and other employment opportunities that provide a tax base to sustain the services that are so vital to the community including schools, roads, and adequately staffed police and fire departments. The Villages and Lawson Hills will bring new businesses and create additional opportunities for current business owners within Black Diamond, in a thoughtful, planned way.

By attracting retailers, a mix of office and commercial uses and possible light industrial businesses, the new districts of Black Diamond will bring many jobs to the city.

With growth come hundreds of construction jobs that will last for decades. The people building roadway improvements, homes, parks, schools, utilities and other facilities will generate a strong need for daily supplies, food, coffee, etc. Much of the city's existing service retail will directly benefit from this daily need.



Based on projections done by the Development Planning and Financing Group (DPFG):

- The MPDs will generate, on average, 300-500 jobs annually for the construction of infrastructure.
- Construction of buildings will generate, on average, 650 - 700 jobs annually.
- The number of permanent jobs that could be supported with the construction of the commercial space, including schools and other civic services, is over 3,500!

Improved Services

Because the initial retail development planned for the Village Center of The Villages will begin before construction of new homes, new businesses can begin meeting community needs that are currently filled in other towns.



New commercial space provides the perfect opportunity for anyone looking to start a business, expand an existing endeavor, or bring new opportunities that may not have even been contemplated yet to Black Diamond. This additional activity also brings in more patrons for existing businesses.

Smart growth paves the way for providing valuable new community amenities that currently do not exist in Black Diamond.