



Newsletter

1st Quarter 2006

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The SBC usually meets the
4th Thursday of the month at
4 p.m. in the
Mayor & Council Chambers
City Hall
1st Floor
255 W. Alameda

**More SBC meeting
information is available on
our website (see below)**

PURPOSE OF THE TUCSON SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION

Ensure that the interests of private enterprise are championed,
not to the detriment of, but to the greatest good of the public.
Monitor taxes and other regulations imposed on small businesses
in the City of Tucson and help maintain a healthy environment
in which businesses can operate.

Provide a forum for small businesses and bring issues to the
attention of the
Mayor and City
Council.

Active Issues

❖ **101 Ways to Help Small Business -**

This is our purpose! Your SBC is
always focused on finding and
developing more ways to help you.
We need the participation of Small
Business Owners - **SEND US YOUR
CONCERNS and IDEAS!**

❖ **A-frame Sign Code -** Are your signs

APPROVED or AT RISK? Do you
know the new ordinance?
Enforcement has begun! For
Applications and info contact
Development Services, 201 N. Stone
1st floor 791-5550 or Joe Higgins of SportsBuzz Haircuts at 631-7400

❖ **Peddler's Ordinance -** we invite input from all involved parties to help monitor the impact on residential neighborhoods and on the peddlers' businesses

❖ **University of Arizona -** Is its policy fair to off-campus businesses whose clientele includes U.of A. students, departments, and faculty?

❖ **Preparing for I-10 Construction Impact -** The SBC is working on this
important topic. It will be a **THREE YEAR INTERRUPTION**. We are
seeking means to coordinate with the involved agencies to find ways to
minimize the inevitable damage to small business. *We urge all
impacted small businesses to GET INVOLVED. More businesses will
be impacted than you might
think! Tucson is going to look
Very Unattractive to any visitors,
this will hurt ALL tourist related
businesses. -- PARTICIPATE:
Call Annabelle Quihuis (520)
740-6410 or Michael Graham
(520) 791-4371 for roadway
development policy info.*

Believe it or not

**The Audit Section of the
City Finance Department** is
an excellent and friendly
source of help in matters of
tax calculation and related
subjects. **Call them when
you first have a question to
prevent things you might
not understand from
becoming problems. You
can reach them at
(520) 791-4681**

Tax Seminars -

are available on a monthly
schedule to help small
businesses. More info is on our
website or contact the City
Finance Department (see below)



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This is an open invitation for Small Business Owners and Community Members to communicate your concerns, questions, and comments about how small business is conducted and regulated in Tucson.

> Contact the SBC by E-mail at: small.business@tucsonaz.gov

Small Business Resources

❖ **Know The**

The U.S. Small Business Administration's **SCORE**®
Counselors to America's Small Business
SCORE - Free, Confidential Counselling and Training. With New Features. Call: 670-5008 or visit: <http://scoreaz.org>

❖ **City Finance Department/Revenue**

(520) 791-4080

❖ **Better Business Bureau** (now on-line, too)

(520) 888-1903

❖ **Tucson Metro. Chamber of Commerce**

(520) 792-2250

❖ **So. Arizona Small Business Assoc.**

(520) 327-0222

❖ **Tucson Black Chamber of Commerce**

(520) 623-0099

❖ **Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

(520) 620-0005

❖ **MicroBusiness Advancement Center (MAC)**

(520) 620-1241

❖ **National Assoc. of Women Bus. Owners**

(520) 32-NAWBO (326-2926)

❖ **University of Arizona Bus. Resources**

(520) 626-2710 or visit their website

❖ **TREO** (Tucson Regional Econ. Opportunities, Inc.)

(520) 243-1905

❖ **BusinessLINC - Free B2B resource**

(520) 243-1900 or their website (see over)

Know of a good resource? Tell us, so we can share it with others.

Important Topics

Small Businesses that use City trash collection, will likely **save money** by **Recycling** more. Get more info - call (520) 791-7131 or visit <http://www.tucsonrecycles.org>

A-Frame Signs Applications & info
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I Didn't Know That!

Arizona Small Business facts:

- They make up over 97% of all AZ employers
- In the U.S., small business is 50% of nonfarm private Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- 97% of America's exporters producing 26% of all export value are small businesses
- Small business creates 65% of net new jobs throughout America
- Of 109,807 women-owned and 58,600 minority-owned AZ businesses almost all are small businesses
- 53% of all U.S. small business is home based
- Over 47% of Arizona's non-farm private sector workers are small business employees