

Why does the City do this?

Large corporations who hand out campaign contributions receive variances so they can ignore the rules, and they can afford to pay the fees. Small business owners are unable to compete, and we pay the price when there are fewer jobs for City residents.

The system doesn't work for you and me, but it does work for people who are well-off and well-connected. This is not an accident.

The rules are designed to give the advantage to people who have lots of money, so they can take advantage of the rest of us.

What can we do about it?

Let's start by electing an independent candidate to the City Council. That would shake things up.

You will find me on the Libertarian Party and Reform Party lines when you go to vote on November 7th.

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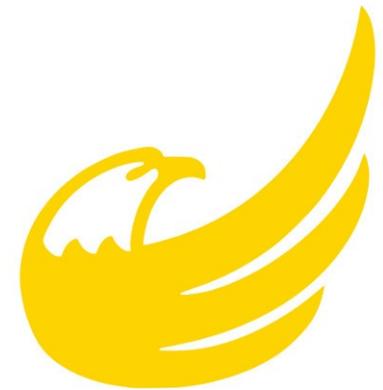
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How can we create good jobs in the City?

Small businesses are responsible for 65% of new jobs created, according to a study by the federal Small Business Administration.

Another study by the National Bureau of Economic Research shows that people who start their own business account for only 3% of all employment, but 20% of new job creation.

You'd think the City of Rochester would do everything it could to encourage people to operate a small business, or start a new business.

Does the City help or hurt job creation?

Small businesses are not a priority for the City. Instead it hands out millions of dollars in tax breaks to large corporations and wealthy developers. Since our expenses are the same, when they pay less taxes, small business owners pay more taxes. This puts small businesses at a disadvantage.

Not only that, but the City imposes a laundry list of rules, including where a business can be located, when it can be open, what it can sell, what kind of entertainment it can have, and who it can hire.

If you want to improve your small business, the City will make life harder for you. Improvements and repairs to plumbing, electrical lines and parking lots, installation of dishwashers, ice cube machines, outside lights, air conditioners, alarm systems – just to name a few items on the list – all of these require permits which can cost a business hundreds of dollars. On top of that, businesses must pay a “reinspection fee” to the City after the improvements are complete.

What happens if all of this is too much, and a business can't make ends meet? Then it has to pay for a \$500 “Going Out Of Business License” in order to hold a going out of business sale!