

BEDFORD INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box P Temperance, Michigan 48182

President: Chuck Faller 419-290-6382
Vice President: Aaron Cole 847-6711

Secretary: Eddie Talley 847-3831
Treasurer: Howard Lutman 847-2304

There is a new organization in Bedford Township called the Bedford Industrial and Commercial Association. The Association, [BICA for short] was formed as a direct result of the Township recently enacting new commercial/industrial property ordinances that make doing business in Bedford more difficult and expensive than in the past. As these ordinances are currently written, they leave almost every existing Bedford Business in a "legal, but nonconforming" status in one way or another.

The mission of BICA is to promote the interests of Bedford Businesses in a manner that best benefits the Bedford Community. Our Goals for BICA are as follows:

- To be politically active in our Community.
- To identify and support candidates who will best fulfill the mission of BICA.
- To recruit and involve every member of the Bedford Business Community.
- To promote an ongoing working relationship with elected and appointed officials of the Township, County, and State Government.

Creating a friendly business environment is good for a community. Community based business makes products and services more convenient. It also lessens the tax burden for individuals and families. Bedford Township needs to be active in economic development and attracting tax-paying business to Bedford, and we feel that BICA can help to make that happen.

Currently, Bedford business accounts for only 82 million of tax valuation while residential is at 744 million. Business growth in Bedford has not kept pace with residential growth, putting a disproportionate tax burden on our residents! Meanwhile, our Township Board is passing growth prohibitive ordinances that are threatening existing and future business. Our #1 priority is to protect existing business from undue financial growth hardship, and create an environment where Bedford business can grow proportionate to residential growth in a healthy, positive manner for the community.

Attached is an application for BICA. Please complete the attached application and mail as indicated along with a \$25.00 check for the annual dues. Our meetings are held once a month at the Memories Banquet Hall on Lewis Avenue. We have lunch at noon, [\$8.00 per person] with our meeting immediately following. We will notify you of the next meeting date by e-mail or regular mail.

Your ability to grow and/or sell your business is being threatened by growth prohibitive ordinances. It is time to make the voice of our local businesses heard at the Township Hall! We hope that you will join our organization to assist in amending these costly, business restrictive ordinances. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of our officers listed above.

*****Please note that membership is open to anyone (you do not need to own a business) who is interested in promoting the mission of BICA.**

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BICA can only be effective with your support. To become a member of BICA, please fill out the membership application below. Dues are \$25.00 annually.

Member Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Business Phone _____ **Home Phone** _____

Cell Phone _____ **Fax** _____

E-Mail address _____

Please tell us your specific concerns about doing business in Bedford, and your suggestions as to what BICA can do to help.

Questions???? Contact any of the officers listed above.

Mail completed applications to: Eddie Talley, P.O. Box P, Temperance MI 48182