Business Recognition Program

OVERVIEW:
The Business Recognition Program was created for the purpose of giving formal recognition to those Winter Park businesses that have contributed to the economic well-being of the City and have demonstrated a commitment to the vitality of Winter Park’s business climate.

Note: This recognition is characterized as symbolic in nature and carries with it no encumbrances or promises of special consideration in other business dealing with the City of Winter Park, but should be regarded as a special honor of gratitude on the part of the City and the citizens of Winter Park.

AWARD ELIGIBILITY:
Any business located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Winter Park is eligible to be nominated for an award. Businesses must have no outstanding taxes or license fees due to the City.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:
Criteria for being selected to receive this economic development recognition includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Creation of new full-time and part-time jobs
- Proven longevity and history of doing business in Winter Park
- Significant business growth over the prior year
- Introduction of a unique product or service innovation within their industry
- Exceptional customer service as indicated by their customers
- Proven contributions to the enhancement of the community and/or locally operating charities (examples include school mentoring programs, employee volunteerism, job/skills training programs, etc)
- Significant renovation or improvements to existing structures
- Construction of new permanent buildings highlighting quality office and retail space
- Business demonstrating significant green business practices

RECOGNITION INCLUDES:

- Site tour of the winning business by the City Mayor or appointee
- Luncheon with business owner, key business staff, Mayor, City Manager, and Economic Development Department
- Presentation of plaque at a City Commission meeting
- Acknowledgment in the City Update and on the City website

STRUCTURE:
Nominations may be made by anyone for any business within the municipal boundaries of the City of Winter Park. All nominations are to be submitted to the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) by filling out the provided nomination form. The EDAB will vote each quarter on nominations submitted and will select the business that best meets the given criteria. Nominations will be reviewed by the
EDAB quarterly and Awards will be formally presented by the Mayor at regularly scheduled Winter Park City Commission meetings. Businesses and individuals who are selected will receive an Economic Development Plaque of Recognition, and are not eligible for more than one such award per calendar year.

**NOMINATION FORMS:**
Those interested in nominating a business for award may download a form at [www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org) > Departments > Economic Development/CRA and select Economic Development.

Forms can also be obtained by contacting Dori Stone at 407-599-3665 or by email at dstone@cityofwinterpark.org.