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Economic Development

The City of Hudson, Ohio has earned a national reputation as one of the best places in the Midwest for employers to do business and for families to live and work. Located just 30 minutes between the two major metropolitan areas, Cleveland and Akron, Hudson is a superior community with an exceptional educational system, safe family-oriented neighborhoods, and a skilled, educated workforce. Hudson is located within driving distance of 32 private and public colleges and universities, world-class healthcare facilities and parks, wildlife preserves, and recreational and cultural venues.

Economic Development Director

In June of 2008, the City of Hudson hired its first full-time Economic Development Director. Charles Wiedie acts as the liaison to the existing business community, identifying retention issues and expansion opportunities through face-to-face visitations with their owners, presidents or CEO's. He will also be responsible for the attraction of new businesses to the community by working with developers, site selectors, commercial and industrial realtors, business executives as well as local, regional and statewide economic development organizations. Wiedie is a certified Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) and serves on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Economic Development Association and the Summit Workforce Solutions and is also on the Marketing Committee of NEOTEC.

Hudson Economic Growth Board

In 2006, Hudson City Council established the Hudson Economic Growth Board to help further City Council's economic development philosophy. This philosophy includes lowering the City's cost structure; removing competitive barriers (streamlining processes, ensuring fair fee structures), while maintaining Hudson's character. The board's mission is to work with City government and the community through the Economic Development Director to foster free enterprise



and develop a diversified, sustainable business base for Hudson, thereby ensuring a vibrant economy for the long-term benefit of Hudson's residents, schools and businesses. The Hudson Economic Growth Board supports the efforts of the Economic Development Director in retention and expansion of existing businesses and attracting new businesses that will enhance the community.

Economic Growth Board Members

- Jerry Henn, Chair
- Bob Katitus, Vice Chair
- Keith Curley
- Tom Elicson
- Bill Hopkins
- Jim Phipps
- Jeff Stitzel

Call Charles Wiedie, Hudson Economic Development Director for more information about how we can help you locate and grow your business in Hudson!

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