



Post Date: June 6, 2013
Removal Date: July 8, 2013

CITY OF GAUTIER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Director of Economic Development/Planning
DEPARTMENT: Economic Development/Planning Department
HOURS: 40 Hours per Week
PAY GRADE: Schedule 2080 (Grade 22) \$59,579.52 - \$94,878.37 **Based on Experience*

SUMMARY: Performs responsible managerial, professional and administrative work in planning, directing, coordinating and implementing the programs, services and activities of the Economic Development/Planning Department, including: planning, zoning, economic development, neighborhood services, cultural services and recreation, federal grants and code enforcement. This work places considerable emphasis on creativity, initiative, consensus building and judgment. The incumbent should have considerable expertise with planning and project management.

CIVIL SERVICE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Individual must have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent; be eligible to work in the United States; an elector of the county in which he/she resides; and have a valid driver's license.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: This position requires a high level of technical, professional and managerial competency with a proven and verifiable track record of success.

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a baccalaureate or master's degree in Economic Development, Urban Planning, Business or Public Administration, Public Relations or a closely related field. Five (5) years prior supervisory and professional experience in economic development, community development or urban planning agency; to include a minimum of three (3) years or more experience in community development or a closely related field of proven and verifiable performance. Background working in a public organization or municipality is preferred, but not required.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Applicant must provide proof of a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a related field or provide a valid copy of his/her transcript to verify coursework. If applicant is an elector of a county outside of the State of Mississippi; proof of voter registration is required.

(Job description with minimum requirements attached.)

INTERNAL APPLICANTS: Please contact Veneice A. Barnett, HR Generalist at (228) 497-2539 or send an email to: vbarnett@gautier-ms.gov for details on how to apply.

EXTERNAL APPLICANTS: Application packets may be downloaded online at www.gautier-ms.gov and are available in person at Gautier City Hall, 3330 Highway 90, Gautier, MS 39553; for more information on how to apply, please call (228) 497-2539.

XC: City Clerk Department
Civil Service Commission (3)
Clearwater Solutions, LLC (2)
Economic Development/Planning Department
Finance Department
Fire Department (3)
Human Resources Department
Police Department
www.gautier-ms.gov
www.wlox.com
MS Colleges and Universities Career Centers
www.careerbuilder.com
Cableone (Channel 13)

The City of Gautier is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Persons are considered for all positions without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, veteran or handicapped status. The City of Gautier will attempt to meet any reasonable request for accommodation in the hiring process in accordance with Title II of the ADA.



DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING

Department:	Economic Development/Planning	Pay Grade:	22 (Schedule 2080)
Reports To:	City Manager	Exempt (Y/N):	Y
Competitive (Y/N):	N		

SUMMARY:

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(Any one position of this class may not include all duties listed, nor do listed examples include all duties which may be found in positions of this class.)

- Serves as the City's economic and community development strategist and provides assistance to the City Manager in the development of short and long-term economic and community development plans, as well as collecting data and preparation of studies, reports and recommendations.
- Assists in developing an overall vision for the City's land use consistent with and supportive of Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan.
- Assists in identifying and prioritizing economic development opportunities for the City.
- Develops an ongoing process to measure progress on key planning and economic development priorities.
- Prepares and monitors departmental and project budgets; ensures that all purchases are within budgetary constraints.
- Plans, organizes, and prioritizes workloads and staff assignments; trains, motivates and evaluates assigned staff; reviews progress and directs changes as necessary
- Submits monthly and special reports covering departmental activities to the City Manager.
- Coordinates and communicates with the City Manager, administration, other departments, private businesses, individuals, and groups to determine grant needs; researches possible funding sources.
- Acts as a liaison with state, and federal agencies engaged in related community development activities.
- Delegates duties as necessary to provide support to the boards and committees including the: Historic Preservation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board and Planning Commission; and also prepares agenda and materials for monthly meetings regarding commercial and residential projects related to their purpose, or delegates that task to other Economic Development/Planning staff.
- Any other duties assigned by the City Manager.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

(Must possess required knowledge, skills, abilities and experience and be able to explain and demonstrate, with or without reasonable accommodations, that the essential functions of the job can be performed.)

- Knowledge of the principles, practices and procedures of urban planning and development, federal and state grant application administration and management, and public administration is essential.
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- Knowledge of strategic planning principles, comprehensive planning, land use, zoning, urban design, site analysis, long and short range planning and research analysis.
- Knowledge of the City's needs growth potential and resources is vital.
- Knowledge of the methods and techniques used in business solicitation or industrial promotion.
- Knowledge of laws and ordinances affecting the economic and industrial development process.

- Ability to plan, organize, direct, and supervise a comprehensive urban and community development, planning, economic and building program.
- Ability to provide technical and professional guidance to subordinate staff and to secure acceptance from official bodies and the public of planning, building, economic and community development objectives.
- Ability to communicate effectively, verbally, and in writing, and to make effective presentations to professional groups and the public.
- Possess high degree of skill in leadership, planning, negotiating, problem solving and self-motivation.
- Ability to interpret codes, laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations and apply them in appropriate situations and projects implemented by the department.
- Display a high degree of sound business judgment, prudence and ethical conduct.
- Ability to maintain harmonious and effective working relationships with other employees, supervisor and other departments.
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite: Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Previous experience with GIS software is preferred.
- Ability to understand written and oral instructions read, analyze and interpret complex documents, instruction manuals, policies and procedures is essential.
- Excellent communication skills are required to effectively present information in a one-on-one, small and large group setting.
- Strong interpersonal skills are essential to maintain effective working relationships with a wide variety of people.
- Ability to work effectively and efficiently, under stressful conditions, to ensure deadlines are met is essential.
- Must have demonstrated, through prior work experience, the ability to identify and resolve complex issues and problems in a courteous and professional manner while adhering to an appropriate policy and procedure.
- Must maintain a valid Mississippi driver's license.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position directly supervises the Building and Zoning Administrator, Grants and Projects Manager, Cultural Services Manager, and the Administrative Clerk and Administrative Bookkeeper.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.

This position typically performs work in a well-lit, climate controlled, and adequately ventilated office environment and requires observance of safe work practices, fire regulations, and avoidance of falls, trips, and similar office work hazards. Occasionally, outdoor work is required when attending special events and functions.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

This position is requires periods of sustained sitting, standing, and walking and the ability to see, speak, and hear. Work requires physical activity, and occasional light lifting is required. Requires the use of hands and fingers to input data into computer and move materials for special events.

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REQUIRED LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

Possession of or ability to obtain and maintain membership within job related programs, institutes and organizations.

CIVIL SERVICE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (Rule 4, Section 4.2)

For minimum qualifications established by the Mississippi Code, see Section 21-31-15.

SCREENING SCHEDULE

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING (Economic Development/Planning Department)

Advertise	June 6, 2013 – July 8, 2013
Post	June 6, 2013
Cut-Off Date	July 8, 2013 (Application packet is to be submitted to the Office of Human Resources by 5:00 P.M.)
Eligibility List Compiled	July 10, 2013 (Applicant to Call (228) 497-2539 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for Eligibility Determination)
Civil Service Receives Eligibility Listing	July 11, 2013
Interviews	To be scheduled at a later date