


Common Expenses

Be sure to consider the following expenses:

- Professional Building Inspection 
- Inspection & Improvements Costs
- Ownership Transfer Costs
- Commercial Zoning Permits
- Licensing & Registration Fees

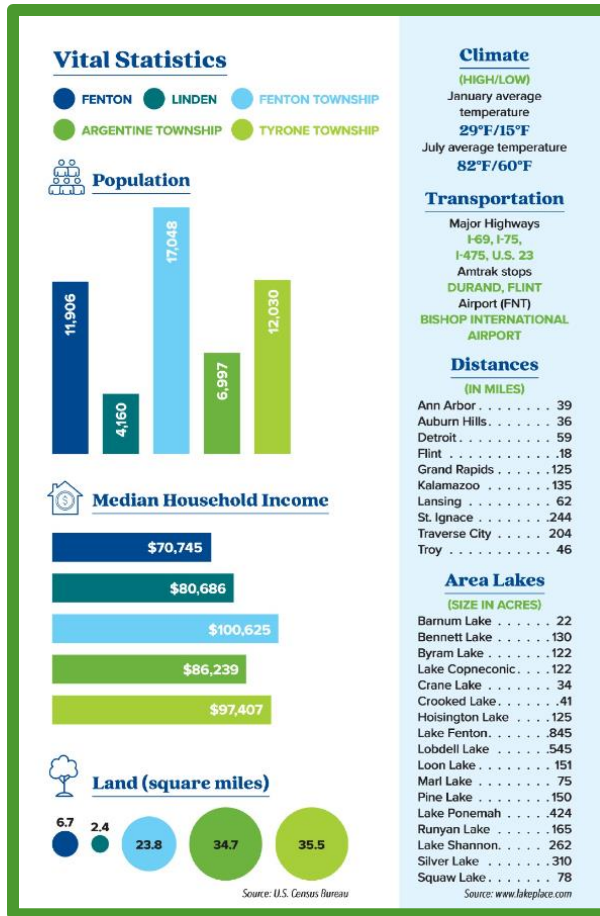
Remember . . .

Inquire about the following:

- Technological Security Plan 
- Taxation Information
- Blueprints (if required)
- Legal Business Classification/EIN
- Marketing
- A Business Plan/Budget
- Sign Ordinances
- Commercial Ordinances
- Documentation of all Information

Information provided by:
 Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce
 City of Fenton
 City of Linden
 Fenton Township
 Tyrone Township
 Argentine Township

Statistical & Community Information



- A Class/Division A district, Fenton Area Public Schools have 7 schools, PK-12, with 3,448 students
- A Class/Division A district, Linden Community Schools have 6 schools, PK-12, with 2,713 students
- A Class/Division B district, Lake Fenton Schools have 4 schools, PK-12, with 2,107 students
- Argentine Township is part of the Linden Community Schools
- Tyrone Township is part of the Fenton Area Public Schools & Linden Community Schools



Fenton & Linden
 Regional Chamber of Commerce

Business Resource Guide

For New & Existing Businesses

Where business and community meet!

The Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce connects business to community by promoting resources, events and economic growth where our members live, work and play.



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Community Partners

City of Fenton

301 S. Leroy St.
Fenton, MI 48430
(810) 629-2261
www.cityoffenton.org

Fenton Township

12060 Mantawauka
Fenton, MI 48430
(810) 629-1537
www.fentontownship.com

Tyrone Township

8420 Runyan Lake Rd.
Fenton, MI 48430
(810) 629-8631
www.tyronetownship.us

City of Linden

132 W. Broad St.
P.O. Box 507
Linden, MI 48451
(810) 735-7980
www.lindenmi.us

Argentine Township

9048 Silver Lake Rd.
Linden, MI 48451
(810) 735-5050
www.argentinetownship.com

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Small Business Administration

(Grant & Loan Opportunities and Learning Resources)
477 Michigan Ave.
Suite 1819, McNamara Building
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 226-6075
sba.gov/mi

SCORE (Free counseling opportunity)

(800) 634-0245
score.org/semichigan

MI-SBDC (Grant and Loan Opportunities)

1700 University Ave.
Campus Center, 5th Floor
Flint, MI 48504
(810) 762-9660
michigansbdc.org

Checklist for Starting a Business

- ✓ Prepare your business plan
- ✓ Seek legal advice
 - Form of ownership, leases, contracts
- ✓ Choose a business structure
 - Consider legal & tax implications
- ✓ Investigate financing options
 - Family/friends, personal savings, crowdfunding
 - Commercial loan
- ✓ Obtain licenses and permits
 - State, local, and specialty licenses
- ✓ Determine regulatory and record-keeping requirements
 - Environmental, fire, health, employee
- ✓ Business Insurance
 - Fire, auto, health, life, theft, liability, and workman's compensation
- ✓ Choose bookkeeping and accounting system
 - Consult with accountant
 - Financing Options
 - SBA & SBDC



Questions to Ask the Local Municipality

General Questions

- Availability and cost of Water, Sewer, Trash and Recycle?

Assessor

- Upon purchase, property taxes become uncapped. You may want to ask, "Will my property tax liability change, and if so, what will it be?"

Economic Development Department

- Are funds available for new building?
- Are funds available for facade improvements?
- Is assistance available for advertising?
- Is any other funding assistance available?

Zoning and Building Official

- Is the property zoned for my business type?
- Are permits required for interior/exterior changes?
- Are signs allowed? Are there any restrictions on the type of sign?
- Where are necessary permits obtained?
- Who does the inspections?
- Who issues an occupancy permit?
- Are any special licenses, permits, or approvals required?