

# Lower Makefield Township Economic Development Commission 2016 Business Survey

## Comments from Responses to Questions 5, 10 & 12

### 5. What can Lower Makefield Township do to support your business?

Allow better signage for small businesses.

More signage for our center. My party customers get lost all of the time.

Networking with other businesses.

Once a month have a business highlighted-profile page dedicated to how this business can serve our community.

Nothing at this time.

Good!

Closing business shortly.

Township very good, Police Department good, taxes not too high or complicated.

Sponsored business page/directory.

Lower taxes.

Advertise.

Prevent any earned income tax proposal from passing.

Repeal nuisance taxes.

Allow me to put up an A Frame Sign along Oxford Valley Road. The last one was removed by someone.

Inform new comers about our agency.

Unsure.

Ease the regulations.

Control taxes.

Advertise.

Nothing at this time.

Shopping Center Signage on Stony Hill Road.

Reduce my taxes.

Communications on Township events

Continue care of common areas/roads to maintain attractiveness of township.

Maintain infrastructure.

Lower taxes.

Purchase our gas and service/maintain township vehicles at our shop.

encourage growth and integrity within the township

The township allows out of town vendors to come into the Farmer's Market and compete against us on township owned ground and they pay no taxes to the township like we do. We have no objection in helping local farmers located within the township to participate but when bakeries or poultry companies from out of town and in some cases out of state come in for free it's unfair to those business that support the township and community 365 days a year.

As a company new to the area, we are still getting to know all about Lower Makefield; and we are not yet knowledgeable enough about the area to comment.

By promoting community businesses. Will increase business. Will promote possible new business. Create strong environment for community.

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**10. How would you describe the business climate in Lower Makefield Township? Why?**

Not very receptive to signage and helping businesses let the public know we are in certain locations.

There is still excessive empty commercial properties vacant.

It could be excellent if people could actually see signs of the stores in our center, or at least a sign for the center.

Real estate taxes are fairly high.

Because my business remained relatively stable throughout the years.

We had a very good experience when we located here 20 months ago.

Good: Medical, Poor: Independent Business. Small business is a victim of the times. Many of my customers moved their products to China/Mexico.

Average

We continue to grow.

Variety. Ease of access.

Too much competition.

Obamacare reducing business.

Great access to major highways

Beautiful friendly environment with a great location near all major roadways and other businesses.

Convenient, accessible.

Community is in proximity to Philadelphia and Mercer County.

Good socioeconomic level.

But not good enough to stay, commercial real estate is too expensive.

Our business is fairly steady

The quality of life in the township is excellent therefore keeping a stable customer base for our company to service.

It's not excellent and it's not poor.

I have a successful business for many years here.

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## **12. Would you recommend Lower Makefield Township as a place to locate a business?**

Great place because the people of the community are civicminded and support small business owners.

Township is too rigid.

I feel the location to 95, Route 1, and the turnpike really helps my business.

\* Question 11 Licensing, permitting, regulatory environment: We believe that licensing and permits should not be too strict or cumbersome to business owners.

Growth is not what it once was.

Given we are a nonprofit place of worship, many of these categories don't necessarily apply to us.

I think Lower Makefield is a great place to work and live as long as the open space remains and traffic does not increase. I do not want it to become another Newtown.

Beautiful, nice area.

Because of how welcoming you were to us.

All good!

Lower Makefield has held a special place in my heart for forty years. It is a beautiful place to raise a family and conduct business.

Nice area, safe, taxes ok, lower bucks- great.

Good location and reasonable rent.

See above.

Absence of earned income tax.

Good public relation.

Availability and reasonable cost of commercial / business space: not reasonable

Excellent place to have a dental practice. Great people.

Tough to start/buy/build with permits.

Provide employment opportunity to local residents. No alcoholic beverages to be sold.

Great area for all types of business.

Pleasant, easy access.

Yes I would recommend it for the same reason we are here.

Generally a welcoming area with strategic locations and access to excellent city hospitals.

Quiet, safe, peaceful, and well regulated community.

We like LMT but real estate cost is prohibitive. We can lease for less than half the price in Newtown.

Access via highways- close to two major cities.

Would depend on type of business.

nice area

Very stable environment

It is a nice place to live and do business.