

# MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

Businesses: (based on number of Employees)

10 or less .....	\$150
11 to 50 .....	\$200
51 to 200.....	\$250
Greater than 200 .....	\$350

Schools, Civic Clubs, Churches and Non-Profit Organizations .....\$100

Banks .....\$500

Utilities.....\$500

Associate/Individuals .....\$50

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100% of membership dues in the Chamber of Commerce are deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Dues are not a charitable tax deduction for Federal tax purposes. The Chamber is not a charity but serves as an advocate organization for area businesses.

# WHY JOIN?

## FREE ADVERTISING

Receive a free listing on the Chamber Website and in the Chamber Membership Directory which is distributed to more than 400 people per year. Recipients include newcomers to the community and long-term Burke Countians active in the community.

## BUSINESS REFERRALS

The Chamber on average responds to more than 200 inquiries each month concerning specific services and businesses in our community. We refer Chamber Members ONLY.

## FREE RACK DISPLAY

The Chamber's lobby is available for members interested in distributing literature through our display racks. Hundreds of visitors every month view these display racks to locate information on subjects that hold their interest.

## CHAMBER CASH

Chamber Members are the ONLY people in the county who can redeem Chamber Cash gift certificates.

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Chamber hosts quarterly membership networking opportunities for its members to come together and exchange ideas.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

As a Chamber member, you will receive invitations to ribbon cutting, grand openings, ground breaking and other community events.

## HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

This program enables businesses to participate in a discount health insurance program offered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield where employers receive a discounted rate on their policies if they are a member in good standing with the Chamber of Commerce.



**BURKE COUNTY**  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

*Join the 200+  
Business Men and Women  
in Burke County*

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# CHAMBER FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## WHAT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS:

The Burke County Chamber of Commerce is an action agency designed to meet area needs. It is a voluntary organization of individuals and businesses who band together to advance the commercial, financial, industrial and civic interests of a community.

It is a promoter of economic development throughout the community — supporting, encouraging and facilitating the location of new businesses in Burke County, and standing beside existing industries to ensure that their operations within the county continue in a smooth, productive manner.

Among other things, it is a civic clearinghouse, a public relations counselor, a legislative representative at the local, state, and national levels of government, an information bureau, and a research and promotion medium.

## WHAT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS NOT:

- A department of the city, county or state government.
- A political body, civic club or professional society.
- A social service, welfare or charitable institution.
- A private advertising or public relations agency.

## WHAT DOES THE CHAMBER DO?

The variety of activities is virtually unlimited, depending on community needs and the ability of the Chamber to meet those needs. Its overall mission of community development is determined by the organization's programs and goals, usually called a "Program of Work" or "Blueprint for Action."

## WHO ARE CHAMBER MEMBERS?

Any firm or individual who shares the Chamber membership's common interest in community improvement is eligible for membership. Eligibility requirements are usually spelled out in the organization's bylaws.

## HOW DOES THE CHAMBER WORK?

Action groups which may be called councils, task forces or committees are the backbone of the Chamber and are the units that accomplish the organization's goals and objectives. The needs of the community and policies of the Chamber determine the kinds and number of these action groups.

## WHO PAYS FOR THE CHAMBER?

Financed on a voluntary basis, the organization's expenses are apportioned among its membership, made up of organizations and individuals. Chamber membership is an investment in the present and future of the individual's and the community's welfare.

## WHO RUNS THE CHAMBER?

The organization is run by a board of directors elected by the Chamber's membership. The board, which serves without pay, sets the policies of the organization. The administrative head of the Chamber, the Executive Director, is employed by the board.

## WHAT ARE THE CHAMBER'S ACTIVITIES?

The Burke County Chamber of Commerce designs its activities to fit community needs, ensuring sound development. A project is undertaken only after thorough analysis of its value and importance.

A few of the areas the Chamber focuses its time and resources are tourism development and promotion, agri-business, business recruitment and growth, and leadership development. In addition, the Chamber continually serves as information center for the community by responding to a wide array of requests daily. It also serves as a voice for the business community, speaking on important issues that impact Burke County and its residents.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Person

Phone #

Fax

Email

Website

Type of Membership (see fee schedule)

Numer of Employees

Signature

Date

Please remit payment with the completed application.