

## **PRESS RELEASE**



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### **NATIONAL CITY INSTITUTES NEW BUSINESS FRIENDLY STREAMLINING**

The City of National City is proud to have made several changes to streamline our Business License processing and continue to create a business friendly environment.

National City businesses now have only to come down to our friendly Finance Department to start the application process. The application then moves to the Planning Department and is now routed directly to the Fire Department. The National City Council on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 amended Municipal Code 6.04.140 pertaining to Business regulatory codes to ensure consistency between state regulatory codes and the Municipal Code; this action results in a streamlined process for issuing business licenses. We also recently added a Fire Inspector who contacts the applicant, within 1 business week, to schedule an inspection.

The City of National City is also working towards a self certification license with a Fire Department follow-up. This new enhanced process will allow new businesses, who need to make minor tenant improvements to their business location, to move forward and open for business with minimal down time. The business owner will also have the option of doing his or her application and payment online. We are working to get the self certification component completed and in service by January 2012.

National City Council and Staff are committed to customer service and are working with our Chamber of Commerce to continue to refine and improve our resident and business interactions and services.