




City of Kenmore Economic Development Approach




Using our adopted Economic Development Strategy as a guide, the City is using a three-pronged approach that will guide our economic development work in the 2023-2024 biennium:

Be a well-run city.




We believe that the best thing we can do to promote economic development in Kenmore is to ensure we are a well-run city. This means that our city employees are approachable and accessible so that our community has positive experiences in dealing with the city. It also means that we provide well-maintained roads and parks, a walkable downtown core that is both safe and clean, well-planned zoning and housing options, easy-to-navigate permitting and registration processes, and care for our ecosystems, all of which create an environment where it is easier for businesses to thrive.

Seize strategic opportunities.



We believe in taking matters into our own hands in order to make things happen. We embraced this part of our strategy in the last biennium by purchasing the Bench and Holt properties and utilizing the Shell property for an affordable housing development. We need to continue to be a city that moves boldly to ensure we are well positioned and prepared for the future by seizing opportunities that make an impact.

Focus on key partnerships.



We believe it is critically important to engage with and support our city's key institutions. This includes our largest employers, businesses, and service providers, such as Bastyr University, with whom we are collaborating on the community clinic at the Plymouth Housing site, Kenmore Air, Kenmore Camera, The Lodge at St. Edward, Kenmore Lanes, the Northshore Utility District, 192 Brewing, Arts of Kenmore, Cairn Brewing, Snapdoodle Toys, Plywood Supply, the Bothell Kenmore Chamber of Commerce, and the Kenmore Business Alliance, the city's bridge to our numerous and treasured small businesses. We are deeply invested in the long-term success of our businesses and institutions, and we want to maintain strong partnerships with them.