

Economic Development Director

The Town of Benson seeks a talented and energetic Economic Development Director with an outstanding personality. We are a dynamic, growing town that is changing the face of local government. The past 24-months have produced \$68 million in industrial expansions and \$10 million in residential growth. Numerous retail, tourism and hospitality projects are also in motion. Positioned on the eastern rim of the RTP, Benson is approximately 35-minutes southeast of Raleigh and 35-minutes north of Fayetteville.

Benson is a picturesque community of 3,500 neighbors and friends, with a 10-minute drive time population that reaches 64,000. A member of the NC Main Street Program, Tree City USA, Playful City USA, and ElectriCities of North Carolina, Benson desires to be the best small town in North Carolina. Situated for commercial and industrial growth, we are located at the intersection of I-40 and I-95 with exits on both interstates.

The Economic Development Director is responsible for business retention and recruitment, marketing the community, working with land owners to promote economic development, and partnering with community groups like the Chamber of Commerce and the downtown business district.

The successful candidate will hold a degree in business administration, marketing, public administration, or another applicable discipline. A master's degree in business administration or public administration is strongly preferred. Additional experience with municipal planning, event management and/or mass communications is a plus.

A full job description and application form available at www.townofbenson.com. Candidates should submit a completed application, resume and cover letter to Laureen Shepard, Executive Assistant at lshepard@townofbenson.com. A first review of applicants is expected on/before March 15, 2017; position to remain open until filled. Salary range \$41,371 - \$64,125 DOQ, plus excellent benefits. EOE