

Stafford, Texas "City with no City Property Taxes"

THE STAFFORD STANDARD

- Award winning, sound, fiscally prudent, local government with zero city property tax.
- Sales tax receipts total \$14.9 million for 2013.
- Debt free by the end of 2014.
- 56% daytime population increase ranked 7th in the Houston area.
- Pro-Business Mindset.
- Freeport Tax Exemption Stafford's participation is unlike many cities in that three taxing entities (City of Stafford, Stafford Municipal School District and Fort Bend County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2) are part of the program.

FREEPORT TAX EXEMPTION -UNIQUELY STAFFORD

- Does your company have goods, wares, ores, and merchandise other than oil, gas, petroleum products, aircraft or repair parts used by a certificated air carrier?
- Are the goods assembled, stored, manufactured, repaired, maintained, processed or fabricated in Texas?
- Yes? Take advantage by relocating to Stafford. A % of taxes are exempt if "freeport goods" leave Texas within 175 days from the date they are brought into or acquired in the state.



"Ten Great Low-Tax Places to Retire, US News & World Report

AWARDS

"100 Places to Live and Launch" Fortune Small Business

Keep Houston Beautiful, Mayor's Proud Partner Award US90A Beautification







The Fountains

PRIME LOCATION FOR BUSINESS & FAMILY

- Easily accessible to US 59, Beltway 8 and US 90A.
- Close proximity to destinations in downtown Houston, the Galleria, Hobby Airport, Bush Intercontinental Airport and the Texas Medical Center providing easy access to museums, zoos and professional sports.
- 30 minutes to the Port of Houston and Intermodal Railroad Expansion in Kendleton.



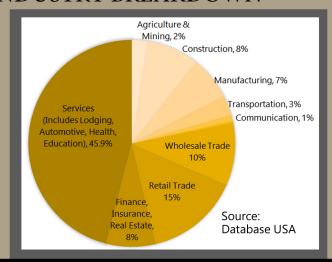


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BUSINESS IN STAFFORD

- Population is 17,693 and steadily growing.
- Average age in City is 32.
- Most racially and ethnically diverse community in Fort Bend County and the Greater Houston area.
- Stafford is home to many multi-national corporations including Baker Hughes, Pentair Valves & Controls, Fiserv, and HD Supply.

INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN





Houston Community College Southwest



Oasis Medical Office Center



Estates at Promenade

SEDC, STAFFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

- SEDC, a nonprofit entity that promotes and funds economic development projects.
- City Council appointed seven individuals to serve as the Corporation's Board of Directors.
- 1/2% of sales tax is used to expand economic development into the City.
- Example projects: Stafford Centre, Expansion and Landscaping US 90A, Installation of Gateway
 Monuments on US 90A and US 59.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- ENROLL in the the only municipal school district in Texas, Stafford Municipal School District, and Houston Community College Southwest.
- ATTEND performing arts and banquets at the Stafford Centre.
- SHOP AND DINE The Fountains, located along Hwy 59, for big box retail and restaurants, the Island District, located along US 90A, for family owned businesses, and FM 1092 for local products and services.



SEDC

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Fort Bend and Harris County, Texas

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