

# **Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA)**

## **What is the Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA)?**

A Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA) is a self-help funding mechanism authorized by state law that allows business and property owners within a defined area to establish a special assessment district. Funds raised can be used to provide professional management, planning and promotion for the area. Promotion can include public events that draw people to the area and retail trade sales and activities. Funds may also provide aesthetic improvements and upkeep for the area. Parking maintenance and acquisition for the benefit of the area may also be provided by the funds.

## **History of the Port Angeles Parking and Business Improvement Area**

In 1985 Downtown business owners petitioned the City of Port Angeles to establish a Parking and Business Improvement Area, in essence assessing them selves. The purpose of this petition was to organize and fund management, promotion, image and parking Downtown. The area includes all of Downtown from Valley Street to Lincoln Street and from the harbor to the bluff.

The PBIA was established on July 22, 1985 with the adoption of Ordinance No. 2351 by the Port Angeles City Council, and went into effect on September 4, 1985.

As a business within the boundary of the PBIA you will be assessed each quarter for one quarter of the total assessment by the City of Port Angeles based on the square footage of your business.

The square footage rates are:

1,000 sq. feet or less	\$160.00 annually
1,000 to 5,000 sq. feet	\$266.00 annually
Over 5,000 sq. feet	\$400.00 annually

You will also pay a \$100.00 initiation fee when you pay for site inspection.

Your membership assessment helps the Port Angeles Downtown Association, as management for the PBIA, promote the Downtown area by overseeing that the image, economic development, parking, and maintenance are done for the good and success of all. Your assessment also helps support an executive director and our partnership with National Main Street Center.

If you have any questions about the PBIA please call the PADA office at 457-9614.