

Learn about the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Tax

What is a Business Improvement Area (BIA)?

A BIA is a specific geographic area of the city in which businesses pool resources and work together through a formal association to enhance the economic development of their area. The City and BIAs share a commitment to build a vibrant economy, with many areas of the City supporting BIAs to advance economic development and meet operating requirements.

What is the BIA Tax and what is it used for?

In order to pay for its member services and revitalization initiatives, each BIA association determines the annual revenue that it will need for the upcoming year. This revenue requirement (budget) is submitted to City Council for review and approval.. Businesses located within the boundaries of a BIA are assessed annually by placing a value on any space occupied or used for the operation of the business. This assessment is used to determine each business's share of the total BIA tax requirement to fund operations and initiatives. Businesses with questions about how their BIA taxes are being spent should contact their BIA's office (see below).

When is the BIA Tax assessed and how is it collected?

[Business Improvement Area](#) assessment and tax notices are mailed to all businesses within BIAs in February. BIA [tax payments](#) are due on March 31st each year. The City is required by provincial legislation to collect BIA taxes and distribute those funds in full to each BIA. If you have questions specific to your assessment and tax notice, please contact 311.

How can I contact my area's BIA to learn more about its operations, activities, initiatives and events

Head over to the City of Edmonton's [Business Improvement Areas](#) web page, scroll down to the "Business Improvement Area Contacts" section and click on your specific BIA for contact information.