



*Making the most of your Chamber membership*



## **Mission Statement**

**Accepting the challenge to unify and inspire the community to promote positive opportunities for all...**

*The question often arises..What does the Chamber do? Whom does it represent? What role does it play in the community?*

By way of simple definition, *the Chamber of Commerce* is a business community at work as the central agency for the community development of business, industry, professionals and other civic interests. We offer great value to our members by acting as the main source of information regarding businesses and community issue. The Chamber performs the tasks that no one individual can do alone -- thus benefiting all citizens. The business and professional people of our community work together voluntarily to define and solve community problems in order to bring about needed improvements through a vehicle.

The Chamber of Commerce, as an organization, has a unique perspective on the community and the issues that shape it. Our members represent everyone from individuals, retail shop owners, manufacturing, civic organization and major corporations. All members come together through committee and board meetings, seminars, task forces, and informal networking and daily interaction to make things happen for our organization and for the community. To put it simply, members represent the Chamber Voice.



- # A *voice* promoting products and services offered by our members
- # A *voice* in the development and support of community leadership
- # A *voice* that serve both the interests of the business climate and general quality of life issues
- # A *voice* in the specific issues that shape quality of life - education, government, community assessment, diversity and youth issues
- # A *voice* in the collective resources and networks of business and community leaders, business owners, employers and products and services

**JOIN THE  
OKMULGEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Make a difference in your community!

## **When you invest in the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce....**

- √ You...are promoting business and industry development
- √ You...are promoting free enterprise
- √ You...are promoting the link between local, state and national government through effective legislation
- √ You...assure necessary civic improvements to meet the growing needs of an increasing population
- √ You...assure a voice on taxation and legislative problems
- √ You...promote civic development of the entire community
- √ You...promote the one organization in which you and other business people join hands on projects that benefit you, your family, your business and your community

*If you are NOT a Chamber member...join TODAY!*

*Okmulgee needs **YOU!***

## What the Chamber will do for you

The Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce is membership driven. The members make programs successful. The members make the difference. The members strengthen one another and the organization.

**Specifically the Chamber offers:** Opportunities to get involved in community issues. Chamber members form six committees, including Ambassadors, Community Development, Governmental Affairs, and Membership Services.

**Ribbon Cuttings:** *Opportunities to promote your business.* The Ambassadors come to your business to give you a Red Ribbon welcome upon joining the Chamber, grand openings, open houses or other special events, meetings and government affairs.

**Business Connection:** Every member receives the monthly newsletter where we recognize new members, renewals, special activities, anniversaries and announcements as well as inform upcoming events, meetings, and government affairs.

**Sponsorships:** The Chamber offers members the opportunity to sponsor various events such as Quarterly and annual membership meetings as well as the annual banquet.

[Okmulgeechamber.org](http://Okmulgeechamber.org) The Chambers' link to cyberspace and the World's link to Okmulgee through the City of Okmulgee's web site. (Our own web site is in the development stage)

**Referrals:** *Opportunities to make your business stronger.* On a daily basis, the Chamber answers dozens of questions about products and services available in the Okmulgee area. We **ONLY** recommend Chamber members.

**Information Services:** The chamber offers economic and demographic information, as well as membership lists to requesting members. Non-members pay a fee for the lists.

**MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT SCHEDULE  
OKMULGEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
REVISED 12/2014**

**SECTION I**

Any person, firm, or corporation doing business, owning property, or interested in the advancement of the City and County of Okmulgee is eligible for membership in the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce.

**SECTION II**

**1. Application for membership**

a. Application for membership shall be made to the Executive Director, staff or volunteer. Upon review, the applicant's classification and minimum investment is established. The applicant shall become a member upon payment of dues as described in the schedule.

b. Membership is continuous unless terminated as specified in the organizations By-laws.

c. No applicant shall join at less than the Standard Investment Schedule. Annual billing is done each year in the month membership began. If there is an increase in employees or gross revenue, dues will be adjusted on an annual basis.

d. Membership investments are based on a fair share basis using the following factors:

1. Classification
2. Number of Employees

**SECTION III**

Classifications of members and investments rates are as follows:

Individuals, Financial Institutions, Utilities, Motels, Apartments, Civic Clubs & Organizations, Trailer Parks, Professional, Newspapers and Radio/Television stations.

Investments are as follows:

**1. Non-Voting Individual Membership:**

\$37.00 Annual

Non-voting membership is limited to retired persons. No person shall be eligible to membership in this classification if they are qualified in any other classification.

**2. Financial Institutions:**

Base investment of \$155.0, plus \$25.00 per million in assets or negotiable.

**3. Utility Companies, Radio/Television, and Newspapers**

Negotiable

**4. Motels & Apartments:**

A. Motels pay \$155.00 for the first 10 units then \$3.00 for each additional unit. Plus an additional \$155.00 for a public restaurant attached as part of the business.

B. Apartment complex pay \$155.00 for the first 20 units then \$2.00 for each additional unit.

**5. Civic Clubs & Organizations:**

Civic Clubs, Social Organizations, Non-Profit, Not-for-profit, Religious Organizations, Schools, or government employees. These organizations and their employees will pay \$60.00 per year and be a full voting member of the Chamber.

**6. Trailer Parks:**

\$155.00 for the first 20 spaces then \$2.00 for each additional space.

**7. Professional Include:**

Attorneys, Physicians, Dentists, Architects, Accountants, Engineers, and Veterinarians

a. One (1) licensed professional-\$155.00

b. Professional partnerships/firms - \$155.00 per professional

**8. Other Business:**

Retail and wholesale trade and services, amusements, auto dealers (new & used), service stations, garages, printers, laundries, cleaners, transportation, real estate, insurance agents, restaurants, manufacturers, processors, distributors, construction firms and seller of goods and services or other wise classified will be based on the Standard Investment Schedule.

**STANDARD INVESTMENT SCHEDULE PER # OF EMPLOYEES**

1-3	Employees	\$155.00
4-10	Employees	\$217.00
11-20	Employees	\$310.00
21-30	Employees	\$433.00
31-50	Employees	\$557.00
51-100	Employees	\$743.00
100-200	Employees	\$990.00
200+	Employees	\$1,237.00
** Associate Investment		\$60.00

BASE INVESTMENT = \$155.00

Each member shall be entitled to one (1) voting representative for the base \$155.00 investment. Each additional \$62.00 allows an additional representation. An employee of a member company who wishes to be an active (voting) representative when their company investment rate does not warrant additional voting privileges, may join the Chamber at the associate investment rate of \$60.00

#### VOLUNTARY 3% ANNUAL INCREASE

The last billing for the calendar year will include a VOLUNTARY 3% increase except for professionals/individuals whose rate remains constant at the time of joining.

Business/Individuals may contact the Chamber office to maintain their current established rate.



## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **AMBASSADORS**

Represent the Chamber as the official host at ribbon cuttings, grand openings, etc.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Encourages and promotes city beautification for Okmulgee i.e. "Keep Okmulgee Beautiful"-Individual and business Yard of the Month, Clean-up campaigns, and Holiday Lighting contests.

### **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Informs members of legislative changes that could affect their business. Host public forums as necessary. Encourages membership involvement on issues which affect local, state, and national economic health. Sponsor monthly Legislative forums during the legislative session (January-June).

### **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**

Helps to increase the Chamber's resources and strengthen the "Voice of Business" by developing promotional campaigns, create, continue to develop and implement membership retention tools. Also, promotes chamber members and businesses.

### **EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Plans year-round networking and promotional opportunities, such as quarterly luncheons and the Annual Banquet.

### **TOURISM**

To provide information regarding accommodations, transportation, and other services to tourist who visit Okmulgee and the surrounding area.



## Membership Application

Name/Business \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Year established \_\_\_\_\_

Investment Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Cycle: Annual \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-annual \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS**

I (we) hereby authorize the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below at the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

DEPOSITORY Name (your bank) \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

- Pledge Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- To be paid (please check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Annually  
\_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Annually  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly  
\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly
  
- Payments to begin \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(month) (year)

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce has received WRITTEN notification from me (or either of us) of its termination a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled preauthorized payment to afford Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce and DEPOSITORY reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name(s) as it appears on your check \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_