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Arlington is dedicated to building the ideal innovation economy and welcoming tech sector businesses in fields ranging from Cybersecurity, Big Data, Clean and Green to Edu-tech, Healthcare IT and the Creative Economy. Arlington technology zone incentivizes fast-growing technology businesses.

The Technology Zone incentive offers a 50% reduction in the rate for Business, Professional, Occupational License (BPOL) tax, a local license tax levied on business gross receipts for the prior year. All businesses are required to have a license and the tax is paid on gross receipts reported to the locality.

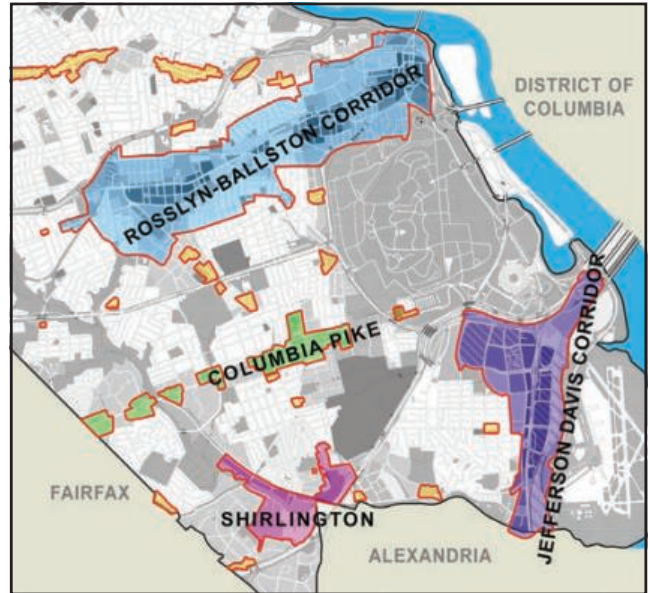
To qualify for the Technology Zone incentive, a business must:

- Be located in one of Arlington’s technology zones
- Have a primary function in the creation, design and/or research and development of technology hardware or software
- Have moved to Arlington within the last 18 months or be an existing Arlington company that has increased its employee base by 25% or more within the past 12 months (as reported to Virginia Employment Commission)

The Technology Zone incentive is designed to benefit growing companies as they continue to expand. Qualified technology companies are eligible to receive the benefit for up to 10 years; and the offset rate decreases as the number of employee increases. The savings are equivalent to approximately \$2.00 to \$3.00 per square foot in building occupancy costs annually.

The Technology Zones are located in Arlington’s premier high-technology business corridors that offer a variety of commercial office space and are conveniently located adjacent to public transportation. Technology zones are:

- Rosslyn- Ballston Corridor
- Jefferson Davis Corridor, including Crystal City and Pentagon City
- Columbia Pike
- Shirlington
- Properties located within commercial/mixed use (c) districts and industrial (m) districts



A qualified technology business can save approximately \$270,000* over 10 years

	Without Tech Zone	With Tech Zone (No. of Employees)		
		1-499	500-999	1,000+
BPOL Rate ¹	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.10

¹ Per \$100 of gross receipts

Sample Business Illustration Assumptions*	
Annual Gross Receipts	\$15,000,000
No. of Employees	75
BPOL Rate (per \$100)	\$0.36
Annual BPOL Tax Obligation	\$54,000
Technology Zone Incentive	
50% Reduction BPOL Tax Rate (\$100)	\$0.18
Adjusted BPOL Obligation	\$27,000
Annual Incentive Savings	\$27,000

¹ Estimated savings are based on a qualified technology company



For more information, please contact the Business Investment Group of Arlington Economic Development.

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