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Let's talk about Gowrie's downtown

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Got empty buildings?



Give someone a chance? Art Residency

Cord McMahon



Incubator Project





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Clothing Store

Rents Too High

Negotiate

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Wall For Rent





Host a pop up event

Pop Ups



Pop Ups at all your events

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Webster City,
Iowa

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Empty Lots



Adult Fitness

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Burned out building

Same place!



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Tiny houses



Anchor Square, Pascagoula
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Broyles 8



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Tiny Market Village



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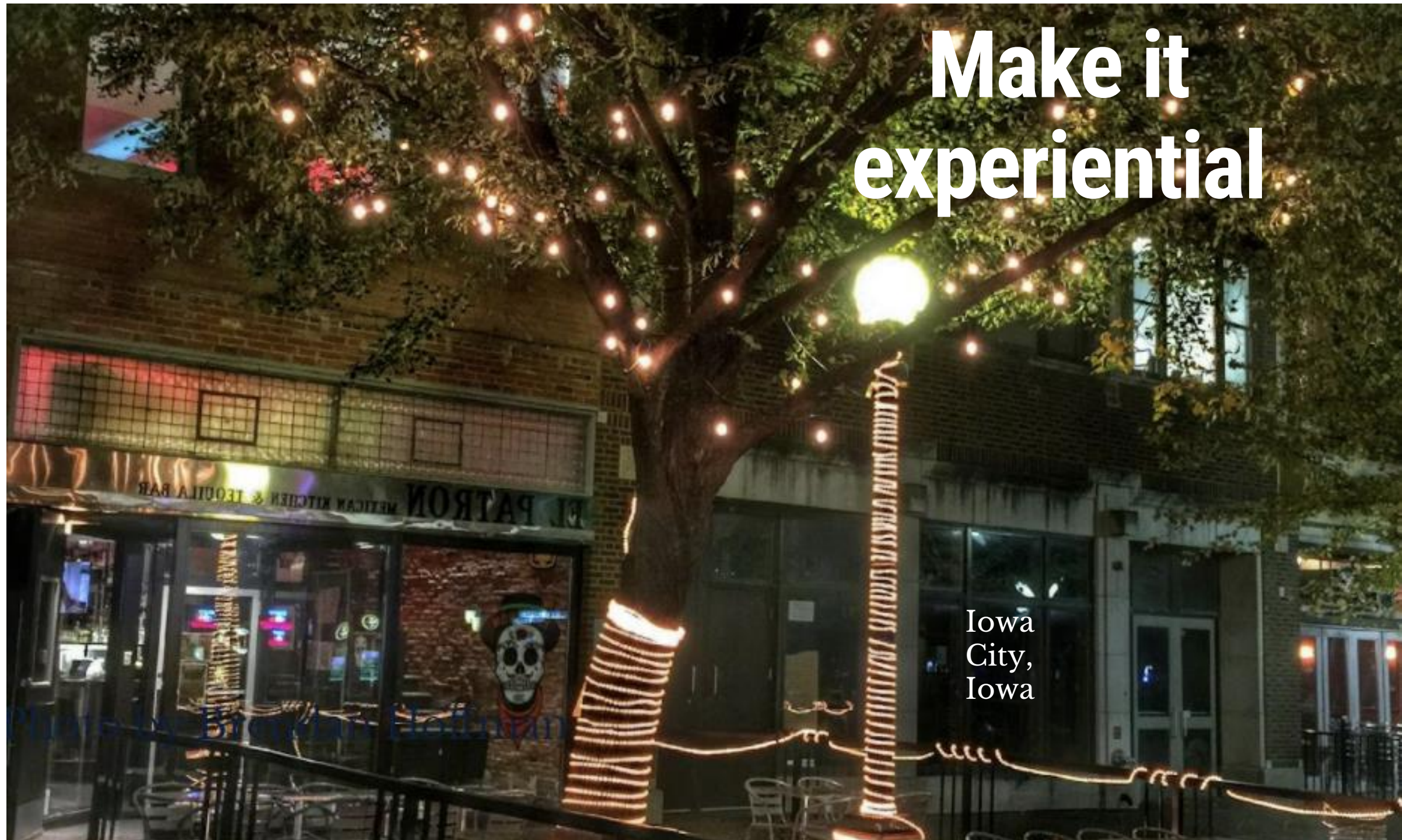


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Beautification anyone can do

Make it experiential

Iowa
City,
Iowa





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Post your hashtags



2nd story art

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Columbiana, OH



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Photo shared by Columbiana city manager



Anyone can do it

Outdoor museum



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Partnerships



Andrew Laddaslaw from Kittanning PA

Photo by Andrew Laddaslaw Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/kittanning/>

Old Geezers Club



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Photo from FB of Mesa Collection Maple Hill, Kansas

Work together



Work Smart

Photo from FB Flint Hills Smokehouse
Maple Hill, KS

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Van Buren County, Iowa



Let 'em loose

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Are you open to
new ideas?



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<https://buildingpossibility.com/gowrie/>

Links to explore:

<https://learnto.saveyour.town/tour-of-empty-buildings-toolkit>

<https://coppescommons.com/>

<https://buildingpossibility.com/articles/where-are-they-now/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AndrewLaddusaw>

<https://saveyour.town>

Read more about vacant building registries, liens and takeovers in North Carolina here:

<https://ced.sog.unc.edu/maintenance-of-vacant-or-neglected-commercial-buildings-options-for-nc-local-governments/>

Brownfield booklet with before and afters

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-06/documents/bf_booklet.pdf

Smart Growth <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-brownfields-and-infill-development>



Photo by Tom McLaughlin The Bouncing Czech

Ordinances and Inspections

Centerville, South Dakota, adopted a local vacant building ordinance that makes it less desirable to use empty spaces for cheap storage. Fees are charged for run-down, dilapidated properties in an attempt to discourage absent property owners from holding onto properties that could be turned into businesses. They do not have a local enforcement officer. They 1099 someone from a larger town who no one knows.



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Fayetteville, North Carolina, a city with 200k population, targeted vacant commercial properties in their downtown, and started requiring inspection by the fire department every six months.



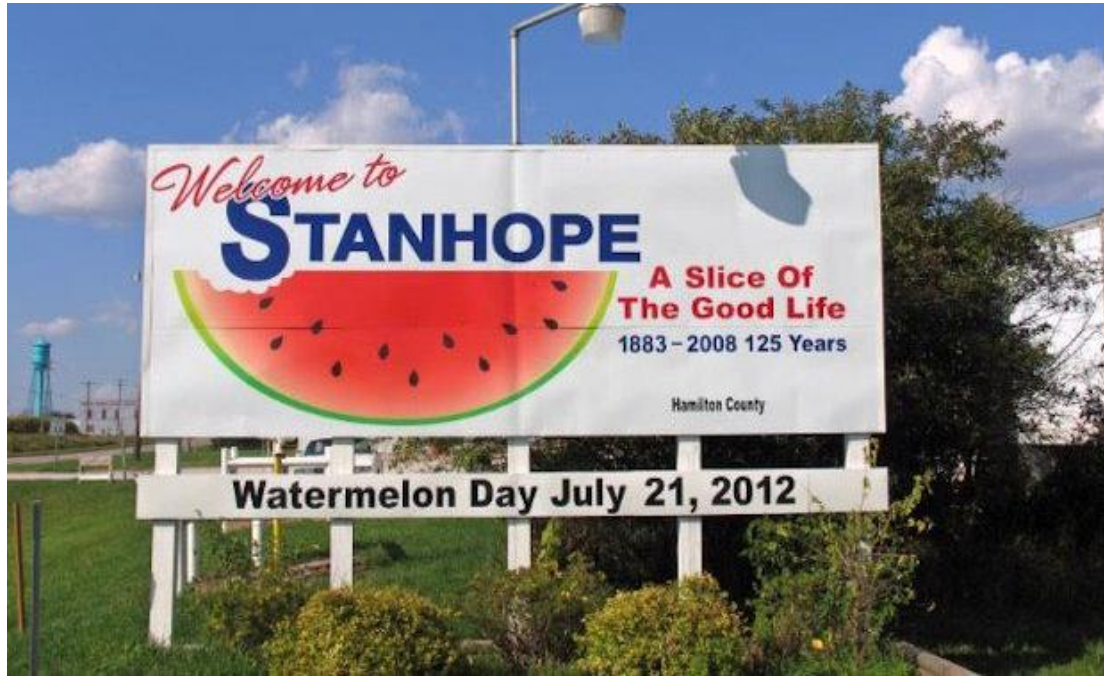
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Incentives

You may want to talk to your local economic development group and create some targeted incentives to help meet part of the costs of compliance.

Instead of only having incentives for recruiting business, consider incentives to address the specific costs of compliance

Property Maintenance Codes



Callendar Iowa and Stanhope Iowa have changed their city code and added a Property Maintenance Code for both the exterior and interior of buildings. I like it because it sets forth a detailed plan of action, a fine structure and no nonsense “do this or we will take the building from you” attitude.