

City Taxes Enterprises To Finance Programmes

When the Sumy City Council of People's Deputies passed a resolution to impose taxation on enterprises, they were thinking about the interests of each and every person. For example, the enterprises will be liable to taxation for recruiting employees from other towns and cities and for the use of land. Any who pollute the environment will be liable to heavy fines. The resources will go towards the town's integrated socio-economic programme.

"There are many enterprises in the town which are very willing to help build up the infrastructure", said the deputy chairman of the city executive council, and chairman of the planning commission, V. Zhurba. "They are financing the construction of a cultural and sports centre, a trade centre, schools and kindergartens".

However, not all the enterprises are showing interest in this, and the town obviously still does not have the resources it needs.

Now an enterprise will be obliged to think about providing housing for its employees, places in kindergarten, setting up medical and cultural and sporting facilities. The economic sanctions will force employees and their managers to speed up the scientific and technological process and to manage with stable personnel levels.

On the recommendations of the economics faculty at the Sumy Branch of Khar!kov Polytechnic, a flexible sliding scale of taxation has been drawn up.

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