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## Best Buy, Target plan to open in July

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Best Buy, the consumer electronics retailer, has met all the city's requirements to build a \$2,500,000 store in Hammond.

The city collected a permit fee of \$4,538.25 for the 30,255-square-foot store which will be located at 2020 Hammond Square Drive, facing the interstate, between Dillard's and Target.

The projected opening date will be in conjunction with the Target opening in July.

MJM Architects of Nashville, Tenn., is designing the building. Mall owner Palace Properties has not selected a contractor.

Plans have been approved awaiting that selection to begin construction, said Dick Cyr, mall project manager.

Sometimes called the "big blue box" because of its distinctive blue building, Best Buy is a Fortune 100 company with corporate headquarters in Richfield, Minn.

Justin Barber, spokesperson, said Best Buy is looking for approximately 100 people to fill full- and part-time jobs and anticipates holding a job fair about three months before opening

"I encourage people to apply online at [bestbuy.com](http://bestbuy.com)," he said. "We're always looking to hire from within the community."

The store will offer the latest and greatest technology in consumer electronics and services including installation and repairs, he said.