



CITY OF KELSO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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STARTING A BUSINESS IN KELSO?

The following are some issues that you will want to resolve prior to opening a new business in the City of Kelso. While a city license is required, there are other requirements that must also be addressed. The Community Development Department can usually answer any question you may have as to those requirements.

- ✓ What is the zoning of your business location? Is your intended business permitted within that zone?
- ✓ How large of a sign can I have? Does a window display count as a sign? What permits are required to put up signs?
- ✓ If you will be locating within an existing building, does the building require any alterations for the type of use you plan for it?
- ✓ There may be additional permits required from other State agencies, such as the SW Washington Clean Air Agency, Department of Ecology, etc.
- ✓ Are there any improvements to the property required regarding parking, landscaping, lighting, etc before I can open my business?
- ✓ Do required improvements also require an Environmental Review? State law requires that certain development beyond specific limits require environmental review.

For answers, contact the: Community Development Department
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Or stop in at the front counter on the second floor of City Hall