

BUSINESS LICENSE INFORMATION

City of Huntington
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www.cityofhuntington.com



In order to conduct business in the City of Huntington you must obtain a Municipal Business License. Any entity that requires a West Virginia Business Registration Certificate must get a Municipal Business License. The application may be obtained online at www.cityofhuntington.com, contact the Finance Division at the address listed above, or in person at City Hall, Room 20, 800 Fifth Avenue.

A business license is valid for one year starting from July 1 and ending June 30. A business license renewal will be sent out around the first of June each year. All business licenses expire on June 30th of each year. Business license fees are not prorated.

Below is a list of general information regarding the application process:

- All applicants must have a valid West Virginia Business Registration Certificate prior to obtaining a City of Huntington Business License.
 - The WV State Tax Department is located at 1124 Smith Street, Charleston, WV 25301, phone (304) 558-3333, or online at www.business4wv.com.
- The fee for the General Business License is \$20.00.
 - Exceptions include contractors, real estate, and businesses selling alcohol or have video lottery.
- If you occupy a physical location within the city, you will need a **Certificate of Occupancy** to ensure the location is approved for the particular activity being licensed.
- If you are working from your residence, a Home Occupation Permit is required. To begin this process, you may contact the Planning Technician at 304.696.4438.
- **Contractors:** All contractors, sub-contractors, and electrical contractors must provide a copy of their WV State Contractor's License and a Certificate of General Liability Insurance with the City of Huntington as the certificate holder.
- **Rental:** Any person(s) who furnishes a real property for lease or rent for any purpose, which includes Class 4 properties, is required to obtain a Business License.
- **Third Party Payroll Servicers** need to obtain a license for the payroll company as well as obtain a license for their client.
- A **Business and Occupation Tax Return** and **City Service Fee Form** will be mailed quarterly once the business license has been obtained.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION

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<i>Office Use Only</i>
Account Number: _____

Business Data	
Business Name: _____	
Business Federal Tax ID No.: _____	SS No. (If no Federal Tax ID No): _____
Business Owner's Name: _____	Beginning Date of Business in Huntington: _____
Business Phone No.: _____	WV State Tax Department Business Registration Acct. No: _____
Business Location: _____	
Mailing Address (if different than business location): _____	
Inside City Limits: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Contact Person for Tax & License Purposes: _____
Alternate Phone No.: _____	Contact Phone No./Ext.: _____
Payroll Provider: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Email: _____
No. of Employees working inside city limits (include business owner): _____	
Give a brief description of your business activity within city limits: _____	

Business License Category			
Check applicable license category:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	General Business License	\$ 20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	75	Rental General Business LLC	\$ 20.00
* If you own any rental property please complete the Real Estate Rental section on second page.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Hawker/Peddler	\$ 20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	Itinerant Vendor	\$ 500.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Real Estate Broker	\$ 25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	Real Estate Sales Agent	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	64	Contractor License	\$ 90.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	66	Electrical Contractor (Sole Proprietor)	\$ 20.00
* Contractors must attach a copy of West Virginia Contractor's License and Certificate of General Liability Insurance with City of Huntington as the Certificate Holder.			
Liquor Retail Outlet (Includes General Business License)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	62	Class A Store—Liquor License	\$1,120.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	63	Class B Store—Liquor License	\$1,120.00
Private Club (Includes General Business License)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Less than 1,000 Members	\$ 620.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	More than 1,000 Members	\$1,370.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Fraternal, Veterans, or Non-Profit Social Club	\$ 495.00
Beer (Includes General Business License)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	65	Brewery	\$ 520.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Distributor	\$ 270.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Dispenser or Club	\$ 120.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Cold Package Carry-Out	\$ 120.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Warm Pack Carry-Out	\$ 35.00
ATTACH A COPY OF WV ABC LICENSE			

Type of Business Ownership					
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> LLC	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust	

Business Activity Classification (Check all that apply)					
<i>Proper classification of your business functions determines the correct license fees as well as Business and Occupation tax rate(s).</i>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Amusement	<input type="checkbox"/> Contracting	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Loans	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> Rental	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail, Restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale	

Real Estate Rental Business Only (Attach additional sheet, if necessary)					
Property Address	No. of Units	Tenant		Check One That Applies	
		Business	Residential	City Refuse	Dumpster*
<i>Example: 800 Fifth Avenue</i>	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Article 951 – Refuse collection services for all dwelling units within the limits of the City, exclusive of multifamily dwellings containing **5 or more units**, shall be provided by the City.

Owner Contact Information		
Home Address: _____		
Phone: (Mobile) _____	(Home) _____	
Print Name: _____	Applicant Signature: _____	Date: _____

Payments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card
Credit Card Payments (Circle One): Discover / MasterCard / Visa		
CARD NUMBER: _____	EXP. DATE: _____	
SIGNATURE: _____	BILLING ZIP CODE: _____	
<i>Make checks payable to City of Huntington</i>		SHOW AMOUNT PAID HERE: \$ _____

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OFFICE USE ONLY (Business Setup Checklist)
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Occupancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Occupation
<input type="checkbox"/> B&O
<input type="checkbox"/> CSF
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel
<input type="checkbox"/> Amusement
Completed By: _____
Date Issued: _____