

STEPS TO START A BUSINESS IN HUNTINGTON, WV

Advocate

Contact the
Business Services
Advocate for
guidance

throughout the process.

Contact Person: Sarah Bostic

Department: Finance Division

Location: City Hall Room 100

Phone: (304) 696-5540 x2339

Email: bostics@hunting tonwv.gov State

City: Planning

City: Permits

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City: License

County

Start Business

File w/ the WV SOS

File w/ Tax and Employer Agencies

Apply for Special Licenses or Permits from Licensing Boards and Regulatory Agencies (when needed)

You can register online at www.business 4wv.com

WV State Tax Department: 1124 Smith Street Charleston, WV (304) 558-3333 8:00 am--5:00 pm Contact Planning Office to determine Zoning Requirements

Contact Person: Patricia Usher

Department: Planning

Location: City Hall Room 103

Phone: (304) 696-5540 option 3

Email: planningdept@hu ntingtonwv.gov File and pay for appropriate permits

Schedule CO Inspections

Department: Inspections & Permits Division

Location: City Hall Room 103

Phone: (304) 696-5540 x2003

Email: kilgorem@hunting tonwv.gov Once you receive your appropriate permits, you can obtain a City Business License

Department: Finance Division (Revenue)

Location: City Hall Room 103

Phone: (304) 696-5540 option 4 Email:

finance@huntingt onwv.gov

Please submit a copy of your WV Business Registration Certificate from the WV State Tax Department File your County Business Personal Property with the County Assessor

Cabell County Assessor's Office

Phone: (304) 526-9717

Website: cabell assessor.com

Wayne County Assessor's Office

Phone: (304) 272-5970

Website: www.wayne countywv.org Business Service Agencies Resources

WV Small Business Development Center

Website: www.wvsbdc.com

Unlimited Future

Website: www.unlimitedfutur e.org

Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce

Website: www.huntingtoncha mber.org

Please note: Certain business types such as restaurants, tattoo/body piercings, and day cares require a Health Permit from the Cabell-Huntington Health Department. For more information please visit https://www.cabellhealth.org/environmental-services/ or call (304) 523-6483.



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Certificate of Occupancy Instructions

A Certificate of Occupancy is required before any new building can be occupied or before an existing building can be used for a new purpose. This applies whenever a new business goes into an existing or new structure or there is a change of business owner.

- 1) Contact or meet with the Zoning Officer in the Planning and Zoning office to check zoning, discuss signage, and to complete the Certificate of Occupancy application.
 - a. Zoning Officer: Patricia Usher
 - b. Department: Planning
 - c. Phone: (304) 696-5540, opt 3
 - d. Email: usherp@huntingtonwv.gov or planningdept@huntingtonwv.gov
 - e. Location: City Hall, Main Floor, Room 100
- 2) Certificate of Occupancy will then be delivered to the Permit Technician for processing by the Zoning Officer.
 - a. Location: City Hall, Main Floor, Room 100
 - b. Permit Technician: Melissa Kilgore
 - c. Phone: (304) 696-5540 ext. 2003
 - d. Email: kilgorem@huntingtonwv.gov
- 3) Pay for the Certificate of Occupancy in Business and Licensing.
 - a. Location: City Hall, Main Floor, Room 103
 - b. The cost of the Certificate of Occupancy permit is \$75.00.
- 4) Schedule Inspections: Contact the Permit Technician to schedule inspections.
 - a. The Inspectors will inspect the building in accordance to the 2015 International Building Code to determine if the structure meets the appropriate codes for the intended use.
 - b. Department: Public Works, Inspections and Permits Division
 - c. Location: Inspectors -- City Hall, Lower Level, Room 5 (Appointments are scheduled in Room 100)

(304) 696-5540	ext. 2205	darstt@huntingtonwv.gov
(304) 696-5540	ext. 2206	blackl@huntingtonwv.gov
(304) 696-5540	ext. 220	johnsonc@huntingtonwv.gov
(304) 696-5540	ext. 2003	kilgorem@huntingtonwv.gov
(304) 696-5540	ext.4004	wintersm@huntingtonwv.gov
	(304) 696-5540 (304) 696-5540 (304) 696-5540	(304) 696-5540 ext. 220 (304) 696-5540 ext. 2003

- 5) Upon completion of the inspections, a representative from Business and Licensing will contact you to pick up your Certificate of Occupancy.
 - a. B&O and Licensing Specialist: Becky Bartlett
 - b. Phone: (304) 696-5540 ext. 2314
 - c. Email: bartlettb@huntingtonwv.gov
 - d. Location: City Hall, Main Floor, Room 103
- 6) After your Certificate of Occupancy has been approved, you may apply for your Municipal Business License.
 - a. You will need to bring your WV Business Registration Certificate (other documents may be required).
- 7) You will be able to open for business once you have obtained a Municipal Business License.

Basic Checklist

The following checklist is not inclusive, but is intended to aid the Business Owner in preparing for the inspection. Once you have verified that this list is complete, call to schedule your Certificate of Occupancy Inspections.

1. Address numbers are on building.	
2. Install handrails on stairs.	
3. All egress doors must operate correctly.	
4. Electrical service adequate for the business.	
5. Existing wiring suitable for intended use.	
6. Assure that the existing system has no: overloaded circuits, damaged insulation on conductors, expose live conductors.	d
7. Assure that the existing system's over-current protection is in good working order and junction boxes a covered.	are
8. GFCI Outlets within 3' of a water source.	
9. No residential wiring (Romex) in a commercial setting.	
10. Proper placement of exit lights. And emergency lighting.	
11. Exhaust fans in restrooms.	
12. Emergency lights and exit lights required. Must be in good working condition, if applicable, emergency batteries.	′
13. Fire extinguisher(s) must have current inspection certification.	
14. Maintain a minimum 36" to 44" exit access. Distance will depend on size of exit doorway.	
15. Maintain a minimum 18" clearance from top of storage to bottom of sprinkler head.	
16. Maintain a 3 ft. area around electrical equipment.	
17. Good housekeeping area around mechanical equipment.	
18. Provide adequate handicapped toilet facilities.	
19. Provide hot and cold potable water to all hand sinks.	
20. Provide all necessary back-flow protection devices for all equipment connected to the potable water supply.	
21. Provide a properly vented exhaust fan for all toilet rooms.	
22. Any unused storage tanks must be removed, unless otherwise approved.	

Additional Information

- A change of use requires the building or space to meet all of the most current codes for the new use.
- Please check with the Inspections and Permits Division for building code regulations.
- If you received a building permit, a final building inspection does not allow occupancy.
- No business should operate inside the city limits of Huntington without a valid Certificate of Occupancy.
- Certificate of Occupancy fees are not refundable.
- Certain business types such as restaurants, tattoo/body piercings, and day cares require a Health Permit from the Cabell- Huntington Health Department. For more information please visit https://www.cabellhealth.org/environmental-services/ or call (304) 523-6483.

Division: Inspections and Permits Location: City Hall, Room 100

Building Inspector: Todd Darst	(304) 696-5540	ext. 2205	darstt@huntingtonwv.gov
Electrical Inspector: Joey Black	(304) 696-5540	ext. 2206	blackl@huntingtonwv.gov
Plumbing Inspector: Chris Johnson	(304) 696-5540	ext. 2209	johnsong@huntingtonwv.gov
Permit Technician: Melissa Kilgore	(304) 696-5540	ext. 2003	kilgorem@huntingtonwv.gov
Fire Marshal: Capt. Mat Winters	(304) 696-5540	ext. 4004	wintersm@huntingtonwv.go



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Certificate of Occupancy Application

Applicant Name:			Phone:					
Property Owner:			Phone:					
Business Name:				Phone:				
Address (city, state, zip):								
Business Owner:			Email:					
Total sq. ft.:	Number	of employees:	Anticipated occu	pancy date:				
Describe business opera	tions:							
Previous use in building								
Business Name		Business Type		Date previous u	se ended			
Parking								
Total number of off-stree								
Number of shared spaces	5:	Total square foot	area for public use:					
Rental Property (only for	rental property owr	ners)						
Number of units:		Bedrooms pe	er unit					
Are any tenant improved (If yes, a building permit				Yes No				
New location for an officerOther:	site: New business and business: Same business: Same business: Bu	usiness location and sal siness has been in exis	tence, but this is a ne	ew location				
declarations of intent s	et forth above are true	tenant or authorized age e and are intended to be r te of Occupancy Permit A	relied upon by the estal	blished officials of				
Signature		Dat	e					
		fice Use Only: Zoning	•					
		Proposed Use: _						
P/SP/NC S	ection #	Note	es:					
Reviewed By:		Title :		Date:				



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Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Inspections

Instructions (optional): Provide Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Inspection form for the inspectors to sign. If all inspections have passed, take the inspection form to the Permit Technician, Melissa Kilgore, in Room 103. CO will be printed and taken to Room 20. Certificate of Occupancy and Business License are issued at the same time.

Business Name:		Inspection	Date:	Inspection Time:	
Building Inspector Pass □		Fail □	Date Inspected:	Signature:	
Notes:					
Electrical Inspector	Pass □	Fail □	Date Inspected:	Signature:	
Notes:					
Re-inspection Date and	Time (if needed): _				
Plumbing Inspector	Pass □	Fail 🗆	Date Inspected:	Signature:	
Notes:					
Re-inspection Date and	Time (if needed): _				
Fire Marshal	Pass □	Fail 🗆	Date Inspected:	Signature:	
Notes:					
Re-inspection Date and	Time (if needed): _				

^{*} If violations are found, you will have 10 business days to correct violations and obtain a re-inspection.



Health Permit Determination Form

Instructions: Email completed form to Jessica.Barton@chhdwv.gov

Name of Business:					
Address:					
Owner:					
Phone number:					
1. Are you going to be selling/s	erving an	y of the foll	owing?		
Food Beverages	Yes	No	_		
Beer and/or Alcohol		<u> </u>	- -		
2. Will your business provide ar	ny of the fo	ollowing sea	rvices?		
Tattoo/Body Piercing Microblading Hotel/Motel Childcare Group Home/Sober Living Assisted Living Swimming/Therapy Pool Hot Tub/Spa If you said yes to any options, please Cabell-Huntington Health Departm Electronic Smoking Devices in Worl Air Regulation of 2010.	se contact	the Cabell-H	or Air regulations titled: A Regu	304-523-	6483, ext. 270.
Business owners have the responsib other smoking paraphernalia are ex materials are provided free of charg	cluded in t	he business.	Outside areas of service are to be	e smoke-f	
Signature			Date		



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Sign Permit Application

**A Sign/Site Plan MUST be submitted with this application **

Applicant Name:		Phone:	
Address:	En	nail:	
		Phone:	
Sign Information:			
Business Name:		Phone:	
Address:	En	nail:	
Sign Fabricator:		Phone:	
		Phone:	
	ions regarding the proposed signage: age of the commercial space or building areach new sign below:	ng?	
Sign 1:	Sign 2:	Sign 3:	
Dimensions:x	Dimensions:x		
Square footage:	Square footage:		
Projection from wall:	Projection from wall:		
Height mounted:	Height from grade:		
Illumination type:	Illumination type:	Illumination type:	
□ Internal	□ Internal	□ Internal	
☐ External	□ External	□ External	
Facings:	Facings:	Facings:	
☐ Single-sided	☐ Single-sided	☐ Single-sided	
☐ Double-sided	☐ Double-sided	☐ Double-sided	
If window sign:	If window sign:	If window sign:	
Window dimensions:x	x	x	
	*All applications must be typed or legibly	written in blue or black ink.	
that all information included therein is true ar the City of Huntington to investigate all staten application form and any attachments submit misrepresentation, falsification, or material or permit. I will comply with all applicable lay understand that the granting of a permit does provisions of any other federal, state, or local construction. I certify that all building rec Furthermore, I, the undersigned, do hereby		Print Name	

	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
FOR OFFICE USE		Zoning and Parcel:
Received: Staff Initials:	Variance required Project Number:	
Permit Number:	A	
	Conditions:	
Reviewed by:	Title:	Date:



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Business License Information

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 103, 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 30 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.
 - For more information about the WV Business Registration visit: https://tax.wv.gov/business/businessregistration
- The fee for the General Business License is \$20.00.
 - Exceptions include 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 by the Planning Department 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) 696-5540 (option 3).
- Contractors and Subcontractors: For faster processing, contractors and subcontractors will need to
 provide a copy of the WV Business Registration Certificate, WV State Contractor's License (if
 applicable), and Certificate of General Liability Insurance with the City of Huntington listed 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 and a Residential Rental Unit License.
- **Mobile Food Vendors** (Food Trucks/Carts) need to obtain a Mobile Food Vendor Permit from the Planning Department prior to obtaining a business license.
- **Outdoor Dining Permit:** The Planning Department reviews and approves applications for Outdoor Dining on the public right-of-way.
- A **Business and Occupation Tax Return** and **City Service Fee Form** will be mailed quarterly once the business license has been obtained.

West Virginia Business Registration Certificate Example

This Certificate is required for new businesses and existing businesses to obtain the City of Huntington Business License.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT

BUSINESS REGISTRATION

CERTIFICATE

ISSUED TO:

HUNTINGTON, WV

BUSINESS REGISTRATION ACCOUNT NUMBER

This centicate is issued on:

06/24/2014

This certificate is issued by the West Virginia State Tax Commissioner in accordance with Chapter 11, Article 12, of the West Virginia Code

The person or organization identified on this certificate is registered to conduct pusiness in the State of West Virginia at the location above.

This certificate is not transferrable and must be displayed at the location for which issued.

This certificate shall be be managed until cessation of the business for which the certificate of registration was granted or until it is suspended to woked or cancelled by the Tax Commissioner.

Change in name or change of location shall be considered a cessation of the business and a new certificate shall be required.

TRAVELING/STREET-VENDORS: Must carry a copy of this certificate in every vehicle operated by them. CONTRACTIONS, DRILLING OPERATORS, TIMBER/LOGGING OPERATIONS: Must have a copy of this certificate displayed at every job site within West Virginia.

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Contact the WV State Tax Department to obtain a copy of your WV Business Registration Certificate

Phone: (304) 558-3333

Email: wvbusinessregistration@wv.gov

Online: tax.wv.gov/business/businessregistration



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Business License Application

ATTENTION: In order to conduct business in the City of Huntington you must obtain a Municipal Business License. Please complete all sections to expedite the application process. All applicants must submit a valid **West Virginia Business Registration Certificate** with the business license application.

Office Use Only	
Account Number:	

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Business Federal Tax ID No.:				SS No. (If no Federal Tax ID No):						
Busin	Business Owner's Name: Beginning Date of Business in Huntington:									
Busin	ess Ph	one No.:		WV S	tate Ta	x Department Business Registration Acct. No:				
Busin	ess Lo	cation:								
Maili	ng Ada	dress (if different than business location	m).							
	Mailing Address (if different than business location):									
Inside	City I	Limits: Yes No		Contac	t Perso	n for Tax & License Purposes:				
Payro	ll Serv	ice Provider: Yes No		Contac	t Phone	e No./Ext.:				
Name	of Pay	vroll Service Provider:	_	Contac	et Email	l:				
No. o	f Empl	loyees working inside city limits (inc	lude business owne	r):						
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Give	a brief	description of your business activity w	ithin city limits:							
			Bus	iness Li	cense	Category				
Che	ck ap	plicable license category:		Liqu	or Re	tail Outlet (Includes General Business License)				
	1	General Business License	\$ 20.00		62	Class A Store—Liquor License	\$1,120.00			
	75	Rental General Business	\$ 20.00		63	Class B Store—Liquor License	\$1,120.00			
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		ite Rental section on second page.	nete the							
	1	T =			3	Less than 1,000 Members	\$ 620.00			
	11	Hawker/Peddler	\$ 20.00		4	More than 1,000 Members	\$1,370.00			
	79	General Business (Contractor)	\$ 20.00		5	Fraternal, Veterans, or Non-Profit Social Club	\$ 495.00			
	27	Itinerant Vendor	\$ 500.00							
	28	Real Estate Broker	\$ 25.00	Beer	(Inclu	ides General Business License)				
	29	Real Estate Sales Agent	\$ 10.00		65	Brewery	\$ 520.00			
		Street Artist License	\$ 20.00		6	Distributor	\$ 270.00			
		Special Event License	\$ 20.00		7	Dispenser or Club	\$ 120.00			
		o complete the Special Events, Fairs	, and Festival		8	Cold Package Carry-Out	\$ 120.00			
appli	cation.				9	Warm Pack Carry-Out	\$ 35.00			
						ATTACH A COPY OF WV ABC LICENSE				
						-				

Business Data

Type of Business Structure										
☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Partnership ☐ Corpora	ation LLC/F	PLLC	☐ LP		LLP	☐ Trust [Nonprofit			
Busine	ss Activity Classi	ification (Check al	ll that	apply)					
Proper classification of your business functions determines the correct Business and Occupation tax rate(s).										
☐ Amusement ☐ Contracting ☐ Manufacturing ☐ Small Loans ☐ Utilities										
☐ Banking ☐ Rental	☐ Sei	rvice		□R	etail, Restauran	t Wholes	sale			
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	*Real Estate F (Attach addition									
Duomontos Adduses		No. of		Ter	nant	Check One	That Applies			
Property Address		Units	Busin	ess	Residential	City Refuse	Dumpster*			
Example: 800 Fifth Avenue		4				\boxtimes				
*Article 951 – Refuse collection services for all dw	elling units within	the limits of	f the City,	, exclus	ive of multifamily	dwellings contai	ning <u>5 or</u>			
more units, shall be provided by the City.										
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	Owner/Agent	Contact 1	ntormat	10 n						
Home Address:										
Phone: (Mobile)	(Home)									
Thone. (Moone)										
Print Name:	. Applicant Sig	gnature: _				Date:				
	P	ayments								
☐ Cash	Check No.				☐ Credit Car	·d				
Please check the applicable credit	card type:	Discover	/ [Mas	terCard / 🔲	Visa				
CARD NUMBER:			ЕУ	KP. DA	TE:					
SIGNATURE:			CV	VV:						
Make checks payable to City	of Huntington		SF	HOW A	AMOUNT PAI	D HERE: \$				
						OFFICE	USE ONLY			
Please note: A Business and Occupation Ta		ty Service	Fee For	m Wil	l be mailed	(Business Se	etup Checklist)			
quarterly once the business license has been	i obtained.						of Occupancy			
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