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# BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

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City of Paramount ❖ 16400 Colorado Avenue ❖  Paramount, CA 90723 ❖ (562) 220-2013

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<b>WHO IS REQUIRED TO GET A BUSINESS LICENSE?</b>	Anyone conducting any business in the City of Paramount, even if your place of business is not located in town, needs to get a business license.
<b>HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?</b>	<p>The basic annual business license tax is currently \$142.00, plus additional fees based on the number of employees that you may have and a \$4.00 state-imposed fee for compliance with disability access laws.</p> <p>Examples: A basic business with one employee would be \$146.00. A basic business with five employees would be \$179.20. A basic business with ten employees would be \$203.30.</p> <p>Note: The nature of your business will determine whether you are categorized as a basic business. Business license taxes are indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and are increased July 1st of every year.</p>
<b>HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET A BUSINESS LICENSE?</b>	If you are located outside of the City of Paramount, you may receive your license within one week. However, if your business is located here in the City of Paramount, it could take up to 8 weeks to get your license due to Fire, Health, Sheriff, and Zoning Department investigations and your AQMD clearance.
<b>DO I SET UP THESE INVESTIGATIONS?</b>	After a pre-approval from our Zoning Department, you must contact the Air Quality Management District to obtain clearance before your application is accepted. The Business Licensing Division will contact the other various departments for you. If necessary, the investigating departments will contact you.
<b>WHERE DO I GO TO APPLY FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE?</b>	You can go to the Paramount City Hall Business Licensing Division at 16400 Colorado Ave., Paramount, CA 90723-5050 or call (562) 220-2013 to have an application mailed to you.
<b>WHAT OTHER PERMITS OR LICENSES DO I NEED BEFORE I CAN OPEN?</b>	Besides complying with typical State and County rules and regulations, you may be required to obtain additional City of Paramount permits or licenses for specialized types of uses. For example, if you offer alcoholic beverages for sale you'll need to get a Conditional Use Permit. If you'll be doing any interior space improvements, you'll probably need a building permit.
<b>CAN I HAVE A GRAND OPENING?</b>	Yes. If you'll be conducting your grand opening outside of your facility, for example, holding a sidewalk sale, or want to use promotional banners to advertise your grand opening, you'll need to get no-cost permits from the City.

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