

CITY OF ROCK HILL NEW BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION

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For new businesses or businesses obtaining their first business license. Please complete this form and return it to our office.

1. Business Information

Legal Business Name: _____

Doing Business As (DBA): _____

Type of Business Ownership:

Corporation LLC LLP LP Federal Tax ID No.: _____

Sole Proprietor (Individual) – Complete the following:

Social Security No.: _____

Driver's License No. & State: _____ Date of Birth: _____

What does your business do? _____

NAICS Code that best describes your business: _____

Date Business Opened: _____

Estimated Gross Revenue \$ _____

New businesses should project their gross revenue through the end of the current calendar year. Existing businesses obtaining a license for the first time should report their gross revenue from each calendar year in operation.

2. Business Location Information

You must provide a physical location for your business. If your business is physically located inside City limits you will need an approved Zoning and Building Code Compliance Certificate. If your business is mobile and/or you wish to use your home address inside City limits as the business location, you will need a Home Occupation Permit. Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Door-to-Door Sales, see section G of this form.

Business Address: _____

Inside Rock Hill City Limits Outside Rock Hill City Limits

Business Mailing Address: Same as Business Address

If different, provide here: _____

Local Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is this the address to which the business license renewal form should be mailed? Yes No

If no, print the corporate mailing address, contact name and phone number for the corporate contact.

Corporate Mailing Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Date: _____ Approved By: _____ License Fee: \$ _____

Location ID #: _____ Method of payment: Cash () Check () Credit Card ()

H-Tax #: _____ LAT #: _____ Utility Account #: _____

NAICS #: _____ Rate Class: _____ BL Account #: _____ BL#: _____

3. Owner/ Principal Information

Individual names and titles of all officers/principals of the business must be provided. No corporate names. Use a separate sheet if needed.

Owner/Principal Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Person Responsible for Business License

Name: _____ Title: _____

Work #: _____ Other #: _____ Email: _____

How would you like to receive your business license? By Mail By Email

4. Please review and complete any sections below that apply to your business.

A. Businesses Regulated by SCLLR – www.llr.state.sc.us

Many business are regulated by SCLLR (South Carolina Labor, Licensing and Regulation) such as Architects, Contractors, Cosmetologists, Engineers, Physicians and Therapists. A SC license must be provided to obtain a business license for a business type regulated by SCLLR.

State License No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on License: _____

B. Contractors Outside City Limits

You have the option to obtain a per job license that will cover your work in the City for the duration of the project. You can also obtain an annual license that must be renewed yearly. Use this section for a per job license. Attach a copy of your bid, quote or contract for the project.

Per Job License – Address of your job site in City limits: _____

Expected Completion Date of Project: _____ Contract Amount: \$ _____

C. Professional Practices

Where two or more people makeup a firm or partnership, each principal, in addition to the first, are subject to the applicable minimum license tax under the business license ordinance (Sec. 11-36). After payment of the required minimum(s):

- all principals may pay as a firm, partnership or association on a total gross income basis, after taking credit for the number of minimums paid, or
- each principal may pay against his own gross income only. Submit separate applications for this option.

Number of Principals in Firm: _____

D. Retail Sales

Sales tax is imposed on the sale of goods and certain services in South Carolina. Visit the SC Department of Revenue website at <https://dor.sc.gov/tax/sales> for more information.

SC Department of Revenue Sales Tax ID No.: _____

Will you be selling goods in other places outside the City? Yes No

E. Food Service Businesses

In addition to a business license, restaurants and other food service businesses must have a Food Service Permit from SCDHEC. Visit their website at <http://www.scdhec.gov/FoodSafety/FoodServiceIndustry/> for more information. Mobile food trucks are also regulated by SCDHEC. Mobile food trucks cannot have permanent fixtures such as tables and chairs. Please provide a copy of your food service permit or approval from SCDHEC. Businesses selling prepared meals, foods and beverages are also required to pay a local 2% Hospitality Tax to the City (See Section N).

F. Alcohol Beverage License

Business that wish to sell alcohol must have the appropriate license from SCDOR. Visit <https://dor.sc.gov/tax/abl> for more information. Note: A license for a bar (NAICS 722410) must be issued in the name of the individual who has been issued a state ABC license and will have actual control and management of the business. Businesses selling prepared meals, foods and beverages are also required to pay a local 2% Hospitality Tax to the City (See Section N).

SCDOR ABL License No.: _____ Name on License: _____

G. Peddlers, Solicitors, Canvassers, Door-to-Door Sales

All traveling salespeople or commercial travelers selling merchandise directly to consumers are considered peddlers. You must provide written authorization from the property owner for the intended location of the sale. Other permits may be required for the location of the sale to comply with City zoning regulations such as a Temporary Use Permit.

- Regular Activities – More than two sale periods of more than three days each per year.
A minimum fee will apply on gross sales \$0 to \$2,000 of \$150. Sales over \$2,000 are charged \$1.80 per \$1,000 or fraction thereof.
- Seasonal Activities – Maximum of two sale periods with maximum of three days each year. A separate license is required for each sale period.
A minimum fee will apply on gross sales \$0 to \$2,000 of \$15. Sales over \$2,000 are charged \$1.80 per \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

H. Amusement Machines/Coin Operated Devices

Use this section if your business has any coin-operated amusement machines. In addition to a business license, coin-operated devices require a license from the SC Department of Revenue. Visit their website at <https://dor.sc.gov/tax/coin-operated-device> for more information.

Are you: Owner/Operator of Machines Distributor Selling or Leasing machines

Type of Machines: _____ Number of Machines: _____

Type 1 Machines: Any machine for the playing of music or kiddy rides operated by a slot; or mechanical amusement deices and juke boxes operated by a coin slot (for depositing coins or a thing of value). Includes: billiard or pocket billiard table, foosball table, bowling lane table, and skeeball.

Type 2 Machines: Any machine for the playing of amusements or video games (without a free play feature) or crane-type machines operated by a slot where a coin (or thing of value) is deposited. Any game or amusement machine (with a free play feature) operated by a coin slot (for depositing coins or a thing of value), featuring a nonpayout pin table type with levers or “flippers” (operated by the player) which change the course of the balls.

Type 3 Machines: A machine of the nonpayout type, or in-line pin game, operated by a coin slot (for depositing coins or a thing of value); except machines of the nonpayout pin-table type with levers or flippers operated by the player to change the course of the balls.

I. Billiard or Pool Rooms

Number of pool tables: _____

J. Scrap Metal Hauling

In addition to a business license, anyone who buys or sells scrap nonferrous metal must get a permit from the York County Sheriff’s office under SC state law Section 16-17-680 (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t16c017.php>).

K. Dealers in Precious Metals/ Precious or Semiprecious Stones or Gems

A precious metal is any article made in whole or in part of gold, silver or platinum. A precious or semiprecious stone or gem is any stone or gem that is rare or costly or any stone or gem that is of lower value than those classified as precious. A dealer is any person, corporation, or partnership who buys precious metal or precious or semiprecious stones or gems from the general public with an intent to obtain a monetary profit for himself or for a principal. Dealers in Precious Metals are regulated by SC state law, Title 40, Chapter 54. Anyone wishing to become a dealer must first obtain approval from the Rock Hill Police Department.

Police Contact: Lt. Brad Redfearn, Ph. 803-329-7263, Email: Brad.Redfearn@cityofrockhill.com

L. Vehicles for Hire - Taxicab Service or Wrecker Service

A motor-driven vehicle in which the public or a vehicle is carried from place to place for a price or for hire is considered a vehicle for hire. In addition to a business license, a vehicle for hire service must comply with regulations in the City’s

municipal ordinance (Chapter 30, Vehicles for Hire), and get approval from the Rock Hill Police Department. The vehicle for hire service will need a background check and business license. Each driver also needs a background check and license. You must attach a copy of your approval from the Rock Hill Police Department before your business license can be issued.

Police Contact: Lt. Brad Redfearn, Ph. 803-329-7263, Email: Brad.Redfearn@cityofrockhill.com

M. Child Care

Child care businesses are regulated by the SC Department of Social Services (SCDSS) and must be registered or licensed with SCDSS in addition to a City business license. Visit their website at <http://www.schildcare.org/> for more information. Other permits and regulations may apply for the location to comply with City zoning, building and fire code regulations.

N. Hospitality Tax

Businesses selling meals, foods and beverages that are prepared and/or consumed on your premises are required to pay a local 2% Hospitality Tax to the City. Find reporting forms online here:

<http://www.cityofrockhill.com/departments/finance/more/finance/business-tax-forms>.

O. Accommodations Tax

Hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and other businesses providing accommodations are required to pay a local 3% Accommodations Tax to the City. Find reporting forms online here:

<http://www.cityofrockhill.com/departments/finance/more/finance/business-tax-forms>.

The SC Department of Revenue also requires an Accommodations Tax. Visit their website at

<https://dor.sc.gov/tax/accommodations> for more information.

5. Certifications

I (We) do hereby certify under oath that:

- the above information given in this license application is true and correct;
- that the gross income is accurately reported, or estimated for a new business, without any unauthorized deductions;
- that all assessments and personal property taxes on business property due and payable to the city have been paid;
- that all building, electrical, plumbing, fire, and zoning codes citations have been complied with; and
- that I understand this application is subject to review by all applicable City departments to assess compliance with any applicable requirements for this business.

I understand that this license may be denied, suspended or revoked, in addition to other penalties, for making false or fraudulent statements in this application. It is unlawful for any person to make a false application for a business license, or to give or file, or direct the giving or filing of any false information.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Printed Name

Title

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me on

this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature of Notary: _____

Notary Public for: _____

My commission expires: _____

(Place Notarial Seal Here)

Note: We need to verify the identity of the applicant. You can provide a color copy of your government issued picture ID or have your signature notarized to verify identity. If completing this application online, please attach a color copy of your government issued picture ID.