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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA RESOURCES & REQUIREMENTS

LICENSES & INSPECTIONS

Licensing and permit requirements differ by business type. Use the following resources to access information about license(s) and/or permit(s) that your business type requires, as well as helpful guides for business owners of all kinds. You can also use these resources to find information on State and Federal regulations, incentives, and city taxes.

[Office of Business Services](#) | City of Philadelphia

Phone: (215) 683-2100

“The City of Philadelphia is a city built by entrepreneurs. Our City's success is based on your success. We are here to help you [Plan](#), [Launch](#), and [Manage](#) your business.”

[Office of Economic Opportunity \(OEO\)](#) | City of Philadelphia

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The OEO works with the Philadelphia business community to build alliances with minority- (“MBE”), women- (“WBE”), and disabled- (“DSBE”) owned business enterprises (collectively “M/W/DSBEs”). The OEO partners with City of Philadelphia departments, Quasi-public agencies, private industries, and the non-profit sector.

ZONING

Properties and businesses within the South Street Headhouse District are required to comply with all City zoning, licensing, and other local and state codes and regulations, including those governing allowable uses, signage, property maintenance, and liquor licenses. [Click Here](#) to Download the SSHD Zoning Map.

APPLICABLE CODE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

In most cases, the City of Philadelphia follows the 2018 [International Code Council's \(ICC\)](#) family of codes with local exceptions. For specific codes, including Building Code, Electrical Code, Fire Code, and more, [please visit the Licenses & Inspections website](#).

For L&I appeals materials, [click here](#).

For fire code appeals, [click here](#).