



City of Bremerton Business License Overview

General Licensing Information

Business License application and renewals must be completed through the [Washington State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service \(BLS\) portal](#).

In addition to a Washington State business license, most businesses operating within Bremerton city limits need a Bremerton city endorsement on their state license.

Most business licenses must be renewed annually with the [Washington State BLS](#), although renewal timelines may vary depending on the business type and location.

Starting or purchasing a Business within the Bremerton City limits

New Businesses should register through the [Washington State BLS](#) website to ensure that Bremerton is added as an endorsement when conducting business in the city.

Purchasing an existing business requires a new business license, as ownership changes are not transferable.

These are examples of activities that require a license:

- Retail or wholesale sales
- Professional or personal services
- Manufacturing
- Home-based or online business
- Subcontracting or nonprofit fundraising in Bremerton

Businesses with annual gross revenue of \$2,000 or less **and** you do not maintain a physical location in the city, you may be exempt from the general license requirement.

Closing Business

Business owners who are closing or selling their business must submit a written notice to the City of Bremerton. Notification can be completed by any of the following:

- Use the closure box on your tax form
 - Logging into your [City of Bremerton Portal account](#)
 - Email taxinfo@ci.bremerton.wa.us (include your account number, business name, and closure date)
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Regulatory Licenses

The City of Bremerton requires some business types to obtain a regulatory license in addition to their Washington State business license. This includes:

- Peddlers and street vendors
- Mobile food vendors “Food Truck”
- Erotic dance studios
- Public dances
- Charitable or professional fundraisers
- Temporary merchants

Regulatory license applications along with all required documents must be submitted to the Tax & License Division by:

Mail: 345 6th Street, Suite 100, Bremerton, WA 98337.

In person 345 6th Street, Suite 600, Bremerton, WA 98337 (Monday through Friday 9am to 12PM.)

Additional Notes

- Each individual business at a single location must obtain a separate license.
- Businesses with multiple locations within Bremerton city limits must obtain a license for each site.
- If you’re starting a new business within the city limits it may require additional permitting – Contact the DCD permitting office at (360)473-5275

Need Assistance

Our team is here to help. If you have any questions about the application process, business licensing, starting a home-based business, or requirements under the Bremerton Municipal Code, please reach out:

Bremerton Department of Community Development

Tax & License Division

345 6th ST, Suite 600, Bremerton, WA 98337

Phone: (360)473-5311

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