



Opening a business within the City of Bremerton

Thinking about opening a new business or purchasing an existing one? Great! Your first step is to [contact us](#), we're here to help! Our team will guide you through the process based on your business type and location.

NOTE: Before leasing or purchasing commercial space within the City of Bremerton, it is important to contact DCD to ensure your type of business is allowed in the building you are considering, as each building has its own constraints and requirements based on its structure and zoning.

1. Determine Occupancy Requirements:

Before you begin operating, you'll need to meet occupancy requirements. An occupancy permit is required. [Contact us](#) for any alterations to the space.

2. Understanding What Influences Occupancy

Several agencies and regulations may influence your occupancy approval. This can include:

- Bremerton Fire Department
- Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I)
- Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB)
- Kitsap County Public Health
- City Planning Department for Sign permits

3. Apply for a Business License:

Once your occupancy requirements are met, you'll need a City of Bremerton Business License to operate legally. If you've already applied, your license will be processed once the other steps are complete.

4. Host Your Grand Opening!

With all requirements fulfilled, you're ready to open your doors and welcome customers. Good luck! And welcome to Bremerton!

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