



**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS LICENSE**

P.O. Box 1776, Sebastopol, CA 95472 (7120 Bodega Av. Sebastopol., CA 95472)
Phone (707) 823-7863 Fax (707) 823-1135

Business Name: _____		Date business commenced in Sebastopol: _____	
Business Address: (Do Not use P.O. Box) _____ _____ City, _____ State _____ Zip			
Business Mailing Address: _____ City, _____ State _____ Zip			
Business Phone: () _____		Business Fax: () _____	
Email Address: _____			
Description of Business (Please be specific): _____ _____			
Business Owners Name(s): _____			
Home Address: _____ City, _____ State _____ Zip			
Home Phone: () _____		Home Fax: () _____	
Property owner of business location: _____			
Address/phone number of property owner: _____		Signature/Approval of Property Owner: _____	
Other Governmental Requirements:		Ownership Type (Mark One)	
Social Security # (Sole Proprietor): _____		Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date Fictitious Business Name Statement Filed: _____		Partnership <input type="checkbox"/>	
Article of Incorporate #: _____ State Incorporated: _____		Limited Partnership <input type="checkbox"/>	
State Employer Identification #: _____		Corporation <input type="checkbox"/>	
State Board of Equalization Sales or Use Tax #: _____		Non-Profit * <input type="checkbox"/>	
		*Provide documentation of non-profit status 501c(3)	
CLASSIFICATION OF BUSINESS (circle one)			
Service	Home Occupation	Special Event **	Theaters
Retail	Taxi	Seasonal/Temporary	Coin Operated Machines
Wholesale	Utility	Rental (Single Family)	Liquidators
Manufacturing	Auctioneers	Rental (Hotel, Apt.,etc.)	Astrologers
Professional	Solicitor	Rental (Duplex,4-Plex,)	Kennel
Number of Employees: Full Time _____ Part Time _____ Temporary _____			

**Farmer market, Festival, Barlow Street Fair, Mobile Vendors

Has there been or will there be any tenant improvements associated with the proposed business? If so, explain:

What was the prior business in the space you plan to occupy? If unknown, please indicate.

Does your business require permits from other agencies? Yes No

Sonoma County Health Permit #: _____

ABC (Alcohol) or BATF (Firearms) permit #: _____

Other permits and/or licenses #: _____

Sewer Use Permit (non-residential and industrial uses) _____

Does your business store or use hazardous materials or generate hazardous waste? Yes No

Out of what type of space does your business operate? Residential Commercial Not Applicable

If residential was marked, do you see clients as part of your business? Yes No

Fire alarm? Yes No N/A

Does the building have fire sprinklers? Yes No N/A

If Apartments, # of units: _____

If Restaurant, seating capacity: _____

If Restaurant, identify required permit(s)#: _____

Emergency Contact (after hours) Name & phone: _____

*All businesses with employees must have valid current worker's compensation insurance or a certificate of self-insurance. I certify that in the performance of work for which this certificate is issued, I shall not employ any person without having a certificate of self-insurance or valid worker's compensation insurance. _____ **Please initial.***

*I understand as a condition of approval for a business license in the City of Sebastopol, I must obtain Planning, Building and Fire clearance prior to the commencement of business in the City. To the best of my knowledge all information is true and correct. PAYMENT OF TAXES AND FEES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE CITY APPROVAL. _____ **Please initial.***

*Business Licenses will not be issued until completion of the application review process and payment of the applicable fees and business license tax. _____ **Please initial***

*License issued under the business license ordinance are not transferrable to new owners _____ **Please initial***

Business Licenses will be prorated as follows:

- April 1st – 75% (**\$67.50 plus \$1 State Disability Access Fee**)
- July 1st – 50% (**\$45 plus \$1 State Disability Access Fee**)
- October 1st – 25% (**\$22.50 plus \$1 State Disability Access Fee**)

*Violation of any provisions of the business license ordinance or knowingly misrepresenting any material fact in procuring a license constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment. _____ **Please initial***

The processing time for a business license application is approximately 30 days.

AFFIDAVIT

I declare, under penalty or perjury, that the information given in this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Signature

Date

Office Use Only

Fee Paid

BUSINESS LICENSE TAX (See Rate Classification Page)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
FINANCE PROCESSING FEE (\$35.00 non-refundable)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLANNING REVIEW FEE (\$25.00 non-refundable)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIRE-INSPECTION FEE (Residential \$75.00/Commercial \$125.00 non-refundable)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT FEE (\$28.00 non-refundable)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE (\$28.00 non-refundable)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA DISABILITY ACCESS FEE (\$1.00 non-refundable: REQUIRED for all businesses)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL PAID	\$ _____	

Failure to pay license when due:

Annual renewal license is due and payable in advance on January 1st and becomes delinquent 30 days thereafter. Unpaid licenses will be assessed a 25% late penalty per month added after 1st day of each month following due date to a maximum of 100%. License will remain active until written request for cancellation is received by Finance Department.

Processed By:		Date:
Department Checked Must Approve or Deny		Authorized Signature and Date
Planning	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Building	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Engineering (Sewer Use Permit)	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Police (Massage)	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	



City of Sebastopol Formula Business Checklist

The City of Sebastopol has an ordinance with restrictions on 'formula' or 'chain' businesses. The intent of the policy is to protect the local economy and unique community character. In most cases, formula businesses are not prohibited, but may be subject to a Use Permit requirement.

Business license applicants are **required** to complete the brief checklist below. City staff may have follow-up questions and will inform you if the proposed business appears to be subject to the formula business ordinance.

BUSINESS NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Is the business an office, tax preparation service, bank, or credit union? YES NO

2. Is the business to be located in any of the following shopping centers? YES NO

- Redwood Marketplace (700-800 Gravenstein Highway North)
- Fiesta Shopping Center (500-660 Gravenstein Highway North)
- Gravenstein Square (950-980 Gravenstein Highway South)
- Southpoint Shopping Center (775-801 Gravenstein Highway South)

a. If you answered YES to Question 2, is the business space 10,000 square feet or less in size?

3. Is your business (check applicable category):

- Restaurant
 - Office Business
 - Hotel or Motel
 - Food store
 - Retail Store
 - Service Business
 - Home Business
 - Other (please list type)
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4. Please indicate if the business will include features that may make it substantially similar or identical to 25 or more other businesses in the United States, regardless of ownership or location. YES NO

5. If you answered yes to Question 4 above, please indicate if the business will include standardized features as defined in Ordinance 1079, such as the majority of products or services being standardized, similar décor and signs, standard employee uniforms, a standard establishment name, and the like:

- Array of Services: YES NO
- Merchandise: YES NO
- Menu: YES NO
- Uniforms: YES NO
- Décor: YES NO
- Signs: YES NO
- Name or Other Features: YES NO

Please contact the Sebastopol Planning Department at 707-823-6167 if you have any questions. Thank you!



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Home Occupation Application Checklist

The following submittal information shall be provided at the time that any person makes an application for a Home Occupation Business License. All submittal information shall be presented along with the Home Occupation Business License form, related fees, and any additional information required by the Finance Department.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Provide a site plan indicating the location of the proposed Home Occupation on the subject property. No outdoor space may be used to conduct a Home Occupation, nor can any supplies or equipment associated with the Home Occupation be stored outside. The Home Occupation may be conducted within an accessory building, but may not reduce the amount of off-street parking.
2. How many person(s), including a resident of the dwelling, will be employed in the conduct of this Home Occupation? _____
3. Will the proposed use generate vehicular traffic measurably in excess of that normally associated with single-family residential use? If yes, please explain _____

4. Will any noisy or otherwise objectionable machinery or equipment be used in the conduct of the proposed use? If yes, please explain. _____

5. Will the proposed use create noise, odor, dust, vibration, fumes, smoke, electrical interference or other similar types of interference with the residential use of adjacent properties? If yes, please explain. _____

6. What is the maximum number of clients or patrons who will be on the premises at any one time? _____

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Owner Name:

Owner Phone:

Emergency Phone:

Owner Email:

Business Fax:

Business Mailing Address:

The City of Sebastopol Supports Its Business Community!

All licensed businesses receive a free listing in the Business Directory on the City's website. This will increase your Internet exposure and help you rank higher in search engine results. The Business Directory is one of several ways your city government is working to support Sebastopol businesses.



Please complete the information below for your business license. It will also be made available on the City's Business Directory. *A street address is required for our records but does not need to be displayed publicly. See Opt-Out options below.*

Business Name:

Business Street Address:

Business Phone:

Business Website

Business Email

Business Category *(Please look at the list on the back of this form and pick the ONE category that best represents your business. If you leave this blank, we will do our best to guess, but it may not be the best fit.):*

Describe your Business: 25 words maximum (This is not an ad, just a description)

Opt-Out Options:

Please list my business but do NOT display my business street address
(e.g., home-based business)

I do not want my business listed in the City Business Directory

Accounting and Bookkeeping	Financial Planning	Pest Control Services
Acupuncture	Financial Services	Pet and Animal Products and Services
Alternative Pharmacies	Fire Equipment and Service	Photography
Antiques	Fitness	Pool Services
Architecture and Drafting	Florists	Psychotherapy and Counseling
Art and Craft Galleries	Food Products	Publishing
Art and Craft Supplies	Food Trucks	Pubs, Bars and Taverns
Art Studios	Foundaries	Real Estate and Property Services
Artists	Funeral and Cemetery Services	Recycling Services
Auto Parts and Service	Gas Stations	Religious Organizations
Auto Sales	Gifts	Repair Services
Baby Accessories, Furnishings and Services	Glass	Restaurant Services
Bakeries	Grocery Stores	Restaurants - Asian
Banks	Guns and Gunsmiths	Restaurants - California
Beauty - General	Hardware and Home Improvement	Restaurants - Coffee and Tea
Beauty - Hair	Hauling and Trucking	Restaurants - Delis and Cafes
Beauty - Nails	Hearing Aids	Restaurants - Desserts
Beauty - Products	Hobby stores and products	Restaurants - Family
Beauty - Skincare and Facials	Holistic Health Services	Restaurants - Fast Food
Beauty - Spa	Home Décor and Design	Restaurants - Mediterranean
Bicycle Sales and Service	Hospitals	Restaurants - Mexican
Books	Industrial Products	Restaurants - Pizza
Cabinets and Furniture (Custom)	Insurance Services	Restaurants - Smoothies
Catering Services	Insurance Services	Schools and Tutoring
Chiropractic Services	Jewelry	Security
Cleaning Services	Laboratory Services	Senior Services
Clothing and Fashion	Landscaping Services	Shoes and Shoe Repair
Community Services	Legal Services	Signs and Graphics
Computer and Electronic Supplies	Locksmiths	Solar Products, Installation and Service
Computer Services	Lodging	Speciality Products
Concrete and Masonry	Mail and Shipping Services	Spices, Herbs and Tea
Construction and Contractors	Manufacturing	Storage
Consulting - Business	Marketing Services	Surveying
Consulting - Environmental	Martial Arts	Tattoo and Body Art
Consulting - Other	Massage and Body Awareness	Taxis
Copy Services	Mattresses	Theaters
Dance Instruction	Media Production and Services	Thrift Stores
Dental Services	Medical Equipment and Supplies	Tobacco & Vaping Stores
Distributors	Medical Services	Toy Stores
Drug Stores	Mortgage Services	Travel Services
Dry Cleaners and Laundromats	Multi-family Housing	Upholstery
Engineering	Musical Instruments and Instruction	Utilities
Entertainment	Naturopathic Services	Veterinary Services
Environmental Products	Non-Profit Organizations	Video Rentals
Estate Sales and Liquidation	Nurseries	Vineyards
Event and Conference Services	Osteopathic Services	Web Design
Farm Supply and Service	Osteopathic Services	Wine, Spirits and Cider
Farm-based Produce and Products	Personal Growth Services	Yoga
		Youth Services



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WORKERS' COMPENSATION DECLARATION

I hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, one of the following declarations:

- I have and will maintain a certificate of consent to self-insure for workers' compensation, as provided by section 3700, for the duration of any business activities conducted for which this license is issued.

- I have and will maintain workers' compensation insurance, as required by Section 3700, for the duration of any business activities conducted for which this license is issued.

My workers' compensation insurance carrier and policy number are:

Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

- I certify that in the performance of any business activities for which this license is issued, I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to become subject To the workers' compensation laws of California, and agree that if I should become subject to workers' compensation provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, I shall forthwith comply with the provisions of Section 3700.

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

WARNING: FAILURE TO SECURE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE IS UNLAWFUL, AND SHALL SUBJECT AN EMPLOYER TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND CIVIL FINES UP TO \$100,000 IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF COMPENSATION, DAMAGES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 3706 OF THE LABOR CODE, INTEREST, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.



SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT
*****CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION*****

NAME OF FIRM: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

*****IN EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT*****

1. NAME (OWNER) _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OR

2. NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OR

3. NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

	YES	NO
Night Light	_____	_____
Alley Light	_____	_____
Safe	_____	_____
Rear Door	_____	_____
Rear Window	_____	_____
Bars on Window(s)	_____	_____
Sleeper on Premises	_____	_____
Private Security Company	_____	_____
Sky Light	_____	_____
Alarm	_____	_____

(If building has alarm, please list alarm company's name and phone number)

Alarm Company Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____



City of Sebastopol Business License Rate Classifications

(Rates listed below do not include B.I.A. Business Improvement Area Fee)

- A. GENERAL LICENSE:** Retailing, wholesaling, manufacturing, processing and services (includes restaurants, Service stations, laundries, barbershops, bookkeeping services and real estate offices).

<u>Class</u>		<u>Rate</u>
100	For 1 to 3 persons (including owners, partners and employees who devote more than 20 hours per week to the business.	\$90
001	For 4 to 7 persons as defined above	\$135
002	For 8 to 14 persons as defined above	\$200
003	For 15 or more persons as defined above	\$340

- B. DELIVERIES:** Persons or firms who make regular deliveries of goods, wares or merchandise to residences or public places of business not owned by persons making deliveries.

<u>Class</u>		<u>Rate</u>
100	As defined above	\$90

- C. PROFESSIONAL:** Includes architects, CPA's, doctors, dentists, engineers, lawyers and similar.

<u>Class</u>		<u>Rate</u>
004	For each office location and one licensed person	\$150
Various	For each additional licensed professional in the same office.	\$75

- D. CONTRACTORS:** Includes "A" or "B" type license with principal place of business within the City boundaries

<u>Class</u>		<u>Rate</u>
C01	Specialty Contractor	\$75
C02	General Contractor, Class A or B	\$100

Note: Rate applies to City Business License only. Contractor license needs to contact the Building Department

- E. RENTAL UNITS:** Includes apartment houses, bed & breakfasts, hotels, rest homes, convalescent Homes, mobile home parks and trailer parks.

<u>Class</u>		<u>Rate</u>
011	For each four dwelling units, rooms or spaces	\$60
Various	For each additional of above (Maximum = \$112.50).	\$3

F. PART-TIME BUSINESS OR PROFESSION: Must meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. Gross receipts not more than \$3,000 per year, and
2. No employees other than owner, and
3. Owner devotes less than 30 hours weekly to the operation of the business or profession.

<u>Class</u>		<u>Rate</u>
007	As defined above Home Occupation	\$28

G. DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITOR, STREET PEDDLER OR VENDOR: Rate applies to each individual solicitor and such licenses are not transferable. Does not apply to persons selling by sample to the trade, such as selling to businesses for resale purposes only.

<u>Class</u>		<u>Rate</u>
006	As defined above	\$150

FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATION NOT LISTED ABOVE, REFER TO BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE#688

Carnivals, Circuses, Tent Shows, Street Fairs, Public Dances, Arcades, Amusement or Recreation Parlors, Billiard/Pool Rooms, Ice/Roller rinks, Bowling Alleys, Vending Machines, Theaters and other businesses.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND
ADDITIONAL FEES THAT MAY APPLY**

Businesses located in the “Downtown Improvement Area” will be assessed an additional amount equal to 25% or 50% of the business license fee depending upon location. City Finance Department can quote exact rates.

License tax must be paid before conducting business.

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Unpaid licenses will be assessed a 25% late penalty per month added after 1st day of each month following due date to a maximum of 100%. License will remain active until written request for cancellation is received by Finance Department.