

**Business License & Tax Certificate
Application – Home Occupation**

Email: businesslicense@atascadero.org if you have questions.



- ☐ DBIA (Downtown Bus. Impr. Area)
- ☐ NEW HOME OCCUPATION
- ☐ CHANGE OF LOCATION
- ☐ NON-PROFIT OR TAX EXEMPT
- ☐ HOME OCCUPATION CONTRACTOR
- ☐ VACATION RENTAL
- ☐ LONG-TERM RENTAL

ACCOUNT # _____

LICENSEE / Business Name/DBA _____ **Estimated Open Date:** _____

Business is a: ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Corporation ☐ LLC **Located in City Limits?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Detailed description of business, incl. products and services offered:

Business Phone: _____ **Business Email:** _____ **Website:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name: _____ **Address:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Name: _____ **Address:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Phone:** _____

BUSINESS OWNER/S: Name _____ Name _____
(Include Middle Initial) (Include Middle Initial)

POINT OF CONTACT: Name _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Business Physical Address: _____ **Unit #s** _____ **City** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

PO Box addresses or UPS Store addresses cannot be accepted as business location

Business Mailing Address: _____ **City** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

FINAL INVOICE MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Corporate I.D. # _____ **State Sales Tax ID#** _____

Driver's Lic. # _____ **St:** _____ **Exp:** _____ **Driver's Lic. #** _____ **St:** _____ **Exp:** _____

CSLB / SPCB / State License # _____ **Class:** _____ **Expiration:** _____

- ☐ Retail ☐ Entertainment/Assembly ☐ Restaurant/Bar/Tasting Room ☐ Personal Service ☐ Cottage Foods
- ☐ Office (non-medical) ☐ Office – Medical ☐ Care Facility ☐ Lodging ☐ Handicraft/Artwork ☐ School
- ☐ Manufacturing – Indoor ☐ Vehicle Service/Repair – Indoor ☐ Wholesale Distribution - Indoor
- ☐ Service Station ☐ Salvage/Recycling Yard ☐ Contractor/Equipment/Storage Yard ☐ Manufacturing - Outdoors
- ☐ Vehicle Service/Repair – Outdoor ☐ Wholesale Distribution – Outdoor ☐ Mobile Food

PROPERTY OWNER: Name _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

THE TAX CERTIFICATE PERIOD IS BETWEEN JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR. BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY. ADDITIONAL LATE CHARGES ARE APPLICABLE TO ACCOUNT BALANCES WHEN PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE DUE DATE STATED ON THE RENEWAL FORM. FAILURE TO PAY RENEWAL FEES OR NOTIFY THE CITY OF BUSINESS CLOSURE WILL RESULT IN YEARLY LATE FEE ACCRUAL.

Issuance of a tax certificate does not constitute a permit to do business. A Business License, which is separate from a Business Tax Certificate is required to operate a commercial business within the City of Atascadero and must receive a building & zoning clearance prior to commencing business operations. It is the responsibility of the Business Owner to ensure the business is in compliance with all laws and regulations pertaining to their specific business. ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE. AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IS NOT GRANTED UNTIL ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. I declare, under the penalty of making a false declaration, that I am authorized to complete this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is a true, correct, and complete statement, made in good faith. I also understand and agree that the granting of this license requires my compliance with all applicable Atascadero Municipal Code Provisions, State laws, and all conditions set forth above. At issuance of this business license, I agree to the conditions assigned to the business license. I understand that fees are non-refundable.

Property Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Must be signed by business owner or officer only. Faxed signatures are acceptable.

Date Paid:	Amount Paid:	RCT #:	Zoning Clearance <input type="checkbox"/> Building Clearance <input type="checkbox"/>
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Application Fees Effective July 28, 2025

CHANGE OF BUSINESS NAME OR MAILING ADDRESS	\$0	NOTIFY THE CITY BY CALLING 805-461-5000
EMPLOYEE FEES	\$10 FULL TIME	MUST BE APPROVED BY PLANNING
HOME OCCUPATION	\$214 (\$95 APP FEE + \$90 ZONING CLEARANCE + \$25 TAX + \$4 ADA)	+ \$10 PER EMPLOYEE
HOME OCCUPATION – CONTRACTOR	\$264 (\$95 APP FEE + \$90 ZONING CLEARANCE + \$75 TAX + \$4 ADA)	
DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (DBIA)	DOUBLE TAX (IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES ABOVE)	DOUBLE EMPLOYEE FEES
NON-PROFIT OR TAX EXEMPT	ALL FEES APPLY EXCEPT TAX AND EMPLOYEE FEES	NO TAX CHARGED, NO EMPLOYEE FEES
VACATION RENTAL or LONG-TERM RENTAL	\$189 (\$95 APP FEE + \$90 ZONING CLEARANCE + \$4 ADA)	For a single-family home
BUSINESS LICENSE REPRINT	\$39	

Application Fees: Application fees are non-refundable. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Cottage Food Obtain a cottage food license from County Health (805-781-5544) prior to applying for your Home Occupation business license.

CSLB / Pest Control Contractors: Please provide a copy of your CSLB or PC pocket card. Must be current through www.cslb.ca.gov or www.pestboard.ca.gov.

Health Dept. Approval: Required for Mobile Food Vendors, Sub-tenants in commercial kitchens, and any business selling food.

Massage Provide a copy of your California Massage Therapy Council license or number.

Payment - The City accepts cash/check/cards for business license payments. There is a 3% surcharge for the use of cards.

SB 1186 (Steinberg). Disability Access Chapter 383, Statutes of 2012 (Urgency)

This measure seeks to increase compliance with the state's disability access laws while reducing unwarranted litigation by:

- Prohibiting demand letters from including a request for money;
- Reducing a defendant's liability for statutory damages if certain conditions are met;
- Permitting a defendant to file for a court stay and early evaluation conference under special conditions;
- Requiring commercial property owners to indicate on a lease or rental agreement whether the property has undergone inspection by a certified access specialist; and
- Requiring cities and counties to collect a **\$4 fee** on an applicant for a local business license and dividing that money between the local entity collecting the money (70 percent) and the state (30 percent).

License Certifications (Your State License# will be printed on your business license.)

Please provide a copy of your State License # and Expiration Date. DCA issues licenses for automotive, pharmacy, fiduciary, medical board, etc. Visit www.dca.ca.gov.

Non-Profits: Non-Profits pay fees, but no tax with Articles of Incorporation, and/or proof of non-profit status.

Tax Exempt

For a list of Business License Tax Exemptions (or businesses that may qualify to have the tax waived), contact the Community Development Dept. at 805-461-5035. DD214 form required for Veterans.

ZONING & BUILDING INFORMATION

(For Home Occupation businesses within the City limits of Atascadero)

Your Business License/Tax Certificate will not be processed until your business location has been approved.

Please contact the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** for assistance in filling out this form.

This form is for NEW BUSINESSES / CHANGE OF LOCATION only.

Commercial Businesses are required to submit a floor plan with complete square footage and use(s) listed.

Is your business located in the City Limits of the City of Atascadero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you planning any improvements to the building/tenant space? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what are the extent of the improvements/changes you have planned:

Do you already have a permit for these changes? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, permit # _____

Does your building/tenant space have fire sprinklers? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be constructing /installing a new sign? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Estimate number of Employees (not including yourself): _____

Is employee reporting to the site? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Planning approval may be required)

Are you sharing space with an existing business? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, with whom? _____

Floor area devoted to your business: _____ sq. ft. Area devoted to outdoor storage (Planning approval may be required): _____ sq. ft.

Total number of off-street parking spaces: _____ ☐ Shared Parking ☐ Exclusive Parking

Hours of Operation: _____

Are you selling, delivering, and/or offering the following services or products?

☐ Tobacco/Vaping products ☐ Alcohol: ABC Lic. Type _____ ☐ Tattoo ☐ Massage Therapy

☐ Filming ☐ Sales on Streets or Sidewalks ☐ Soliciting

Complete this form only if you are applying for a home-based business within City limits.

Home Occupation Conditions

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I understand that if my home occupation is approved, the following conditions will be applied to my home business, and if I do not abide by these conditions, my Zoning Clearance may be revoked by the City of Atascadero:

1. The home occupation shall be incidental and subordinate to the residential use.
2. The home occupation must not change the residential character of the property. See Atascadero Municipal Code (AMC) 9-6.105 (a).
3. No display of home occupation products for sale shall be visible from a public street or adjoining properties.
4. Outdoor activities on sites of less than one (1) acre shall be conducted entirely within a principal or accessory structure. Outdoor storage is allowed on lots of one acre or more where all storage is to be screened from view of any street or adjacent properties. Contractors' offices shall not store tools, materials, or equipment outdoors. See AMC 9-6.105 (a)(3).
5. The use of garage or accessory structure is permitted, subject to AMC Section 9-6.106, as long as the garage is not precluded from vehicle storage.
6. Employees that do not reside at the residence are not permitted, with the exception of employees that may be allowed by approval of an Administrative Use Permit in accordance with AMC 9-6.105 (c).
7. Hours of operation are unrestricted unless the use generates noise; then hours shall be restricted between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and in compliance with noise level standards in AMC 9-14.05.
8. Home occupations are limited to:
 - a. Office-type services that require only one client vehicle at any given time.
 - b. Handcraft or artwork production.
 - c. The personal sale of products (except appliances), when such sales occur on the premises of the purchaser, or at a location other than the home. See AMC 9-6.105 (e).
 - d. Vacation rentals.
9. All onsite retail sales are prohibited except:
 - a. Garage sales or the sale of hand-crafted items and artwork produced onsite are allowed not more than twice per year, for a maximum of two days per sale; and
 - b. Home distributors of cosmetics and personal or household products may supply other home occupation proprietors.
10. One vacation rental is permitted per property, which may accommodate only one rental party at any one time. Vacation rentals shall be within legal residences only. They may not be located in unpermitted structures, structures converted without building permits, recreational vehicles, or outside a legal residence. Vacation rentals are subject to Transient Occupancy Taxes.
11. One sign with a maximum area of two square feet and a maximum height of 4 feet pursuant to AMC 9-15.008 may be displayed. A commercial vehicle carrying any sign identifying the home occupation and parked on or adjacent to the home is included in determining the maximum allowable area of on-site fixed signs.
12. Traffic generated is not to exceed the volume normally expected for a residence. All parking needs of the home occupation are to be met off-street outside the public right-of-way (on the property, not on City-maintained / non-maintained roads).

I am aware and accept all of the above conditions and agree to comply with all requirements of all other applicable City, County, State, and Federal regulations and ordinances. I understand that the Zoning Clearance will be non-transferable and may be revoked at any time for violation of any conditions.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

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