

# STARTING A BUSINESS IN DORAL

Administration and Council seek to promote business growth and establish a healthy relationship between the private sector and municipal government.



### **BUSINESS TRENDS**

# BUSINESSES AROUND THE WORLD UNDERSTAND THIS VISION AND ARE RELOCATING TO THE CITY OF DORAL

JOIN US AS WE MAKE THE PROCESS OF STARTING
A BUSINESS IN DORAL
AN EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE



## STEPS WHEN LOCATING A SITE



## RESEARCH LOCATION

- 1. Verify the current use
- 2. Research for open permits, liens, and violations
- 3. Determine if moratoriums are in place
- 4. Ensure that availability of parking spaces meets your business demands and expectations

## THREE CATEGORIES

NO CHANGE OF USE OR CONSTRUCTION

**CHANGE OF USE ONLY** 

CHANGE OF USE AND CONSTRUCTION

### **CATEGORY** 1

### NO CHANGE OF USE OR CONSTRUCTION

- VISIT THE PLANNING
   & ZONING
   DEPARTMENT AND
   OCCUPATIONAL
   LICENSE DIVISON
- NO BUILDING PERMIT

#### **Examples:**

- A Real Estate Office opening in an existing office space to be use as is.
- A wholesale distributor opening in an existing warehouse to be use as is.
- 1. Visit Planning and Zoning Department/ Occupational License Division to apply for a Certificate of Use and the correspondent Local Business Tax receipts.

### CATEGORY 2

#### **CHANGE OF USE ONLY**

- VISIT THE PLANNING
   & ZONING
   DEPARTMENT
- BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE
  - LIFE SAFETY PLAN
  - FIRE & DERM
     REVIEW
     REQUIRED

#### Example:

- A tutoring business opening in an existing office space.
- 1. Visit Planning and Zoning to verify is new use is allow at the location and meet parking and other zoning standards.
- 2. If change of use is allowed, then submit change of use plans and documents required at Building Department. For review and approval.
- 3. Once change of use is approved, apply for a Certificate of Use and the correspondent Local Business Tax receipts at the Occupational License Division.

### **CATEGORY 3**

### CHANGE OF USE AND CONSTRUCTION

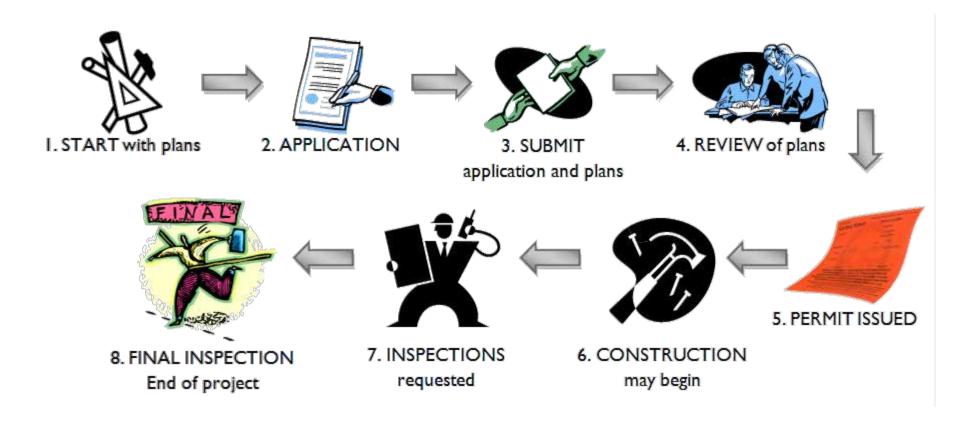
- VISIT THE PLANNING
   & ZONING
   DEPARTMENT
- BUILDING PERMIT
   APPLICATION FOR
   CHANGE OF USE AND
   TYPE OF
   CONSTRUCTION
   WORK

#### **Example:**

- A retaurant opening in an exisitng retail space.
- A fitmess gym opening in an exisitng warehouse.
- Visit Planning and Zoning to verify is new use is allow at the location and meet parking and other zoning standards.
- 2. If change of use is allowed, submit change of use plans and documents required at Building Department for review and approval.
- 3. Once change of use is approved, apply for a Certificate of Use and the correspondent Local Business Tax receipts at the Occupational License Division.



#### **Always Start By Visiting the Planning & Zoning Department**





## PERMITTING

# Permitting starts with a Building Permit Application

- 1. Visit the Building Department Website
- 2. Various Services Available
- 3. Informational Brochures Provided
- 4. Online Permitting





## PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT SERVICES

# Occupational License Division







## PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT SERVICES



Applies to new businesses and businesses moving into the City of Doral from other cities.

- 1. Obtain a Certificate of Use and Local Business Tax applications from the City of Doral
- 2. Complete and submit applications to Miami Dade DERM Department for approval
- 3. Request a Fire Inspection by calling (786) 331-4800 and attach copy of the final inspection report to the application package.
- 4. Attach the following documents to the application package:
  - Corporate documents, Federal Identification Number and Fictitious Name registration if applicable.
  - Lease Agreement
  - Copy of any State License required to operate business.

## HOME OFFICE

Only office use is allowed to operate from a residence. To operate a business from a home, a Certificate of Use and a Local Business Tax are required with the following conditions:

- I. No employees.
- 2. No customers
- 3. No storage.
- 4. No signs.
- 5. No commercial vehicles.
- 6. Must be authorized by Home Owners Association if applicable.



## AVAILABLE INFORMATION

#### • Website:

- Announcements
- ePermitting (CD-Plus)
- FAQs
- Fee Schedule
- Flood Information
- Forms (fillable)
- Permit Information (most common permits)
- Special Services
- Personnel (email address)

#### www.cityofdoral.com





# BUILDING DEPARTMENT



Permits are needed to ensure that the work that is being performed is in accordance to the code and meets all life safety concerns

If you are adding, repairing or altering your property a permit is required



#### PERMITTING PROCESS

SUBMIT OF PLANS AND PERMIT APPLICATION

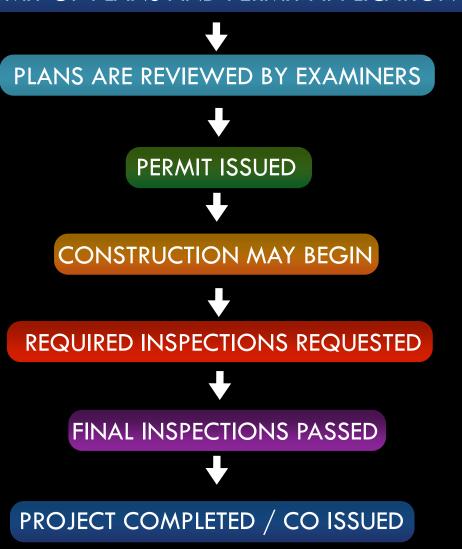
#### FIRST STEP

Visit Planning & Zoning

- Verify the locations current use
- Research open permits, liens and violations
- Determine if moratoriums are in place
- Ensure parking spaces meet business demands

#### **OUTSIDE AGENCIES PLAY ROLE**

- WASA
- FIRE & DERM



#### **SERVICES**

- Preconstruction Meetings
- Design Professional Meetings
- Walk Thru Plans Review\*
- Expedite Plans Review\*
- Digitized Concurrent Plan Review
- Optional Plans Review (OPR)\*
- Early Start Permitting\*
- Inspection Services Request (ISR)\*
- Afterhours Inspections\*
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy or Completion (TCO/TCC)\*
- Online E-permitting site
- Inspection Request Line





FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT 305-593-6700 OR VISIT <u>WWW.CITYOFDORAL.COM/BUILDING</u>

