



# Opening a Business in Walpole

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## Walpole Welcomes New Businesses

### First Steps:

- Contact the Office of Community Development for assistance with which permits will be required; we will guide you through the permitting process
- The Building Commissioner will determine if the proposed location is properly zoned for the business you would like to open\*, as well as evaluate available parking and proposed signage
- The facility will be subject to inspection by various Town departments, possibly including, but not limited to building, plumbing, electric, fire and health
- You will need to obtain a Business Certificate from the Town Clerk's Office (also referred to as a "d/b/a Certificate") for consumer protection and public information purposes.

\*If the proposed location is not in compliance with the Town's Zoning Bylaw, the Applicant must seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals, which is a separate process that typically takes 3 to 5 months. Therefore, prior to leasing or purchasing property, it is recommended that Applicants communicate with the Building Commissioner to address any potential zoning issues ahead of time.

Questions...



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