

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION



Submittal Requirements:

Please complete and submit the attached Business License Application Form, along with any necessary attachments or documents and a form of payment in the correct amount (see the Business License Fee Schedule). Checks may be payable to the City of North Chicago. Credit card payments may be made over the phone or at City Hall for an additional processing fee.

Review Process:

Upon receipt of your application, it will be reviewed by multiple City Departments to determine compliance with all applicable laws, codes, and ordinances. The City may require an inspection(s) of the property to complete its review of the application. Should reinspections be required, an additional inspection fee will be charged.

Certificate of Occupancy:

If the space in which your business will be operating does not presently have a Certificate of Occupancy for the proposed use of the property, one will be required prior to occupying the property. A separate Certificate of Occupancy Application and Fee (\$100 per unit) are required at the time of Business License Application submittal. This fee is in addition to the Business License fees. A new Certificate of Occupancy will be required for any change in use. Should reinspections be required, an additional reinspection fee (\$50) will be charged. Neither a Certificate of Occupancy nor a Business License will be issued until the property has been inspected and no violations are present.

Food Products:

If your business is one that will involve the sale of food or food products, an additional approval is required by the Lake County Health Department. Please note that they are a separate government unit and must be contacted separately (Phone Number: 847-377-8040) to apply for and complete any requirements they may have.

Home-Based Businesses:

If your business is located within a house you own and live in, you must also complete and submit a Home Occupation Certification Statement. Please contact the Economic and Community Development Office for more information at 847-596-8650.

Renewals:

Please note that businesses must renew their Business License each year. The Business License year is from May 1 to April 30 of the following calendar year. Failure to renew by the start of the new license year may result in penalties or jeopardize your ability to operate within the City.

Liquor and Video Gaming:

Liquor and Video Gaming require a separate license application and fee. Please contact the City Comptroller's Office at 847-596-8620 for more information.

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Application Checklist:

Business Name: _____

- Signed Business License Application(s)
- Copy of Lake County Food Permit (if applicable)
- Copy of Business/Property/Liability Insurance Declaration
- Copy of State License (if applicable, such as for Beauty or Barber Shops)
- Copy of State Child Care and Liability Insurance Declaration (if applicable)
- Copy of Rental Lease Agreement (if applicable)
- Business License Fee (see Fee Schedule)
- Certificate of Occupancy Application and Fee (if not already obtained)

Additional documents and requirements may apply. The above checklist is intended to be a summary of the most common requirements and submittal of these items shall not be construed as demonstrating compliance with all applicable codes of the City of North Chicago. Submittal of an application does not constitute approval of any kind by the City of North Chicago and the City reserves the right to deny an application pursuant to Title 5 of the City Code of North Chicago, Section 8.1.2.1.3 of the North Chicago Zoning Ordinance, or any other code, law, or regulations of the City of North Chicago.

For Office Use Only:

Completed Application: Yes No

Application Received By: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

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Renewal Application: **New Application:**

Business Information:

BUSINESS NAME: _____			
BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	STATE: ____	ZIP: _____
BUSINESS PHONE: _____		BUSINESS FAX: _____	
EMAIL: _____			

Type of Business (Check all that Apply):

- | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Home-Based |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Describe Business (Attach Site Plan if Necessary):

Number of Employees: _____ Number of Parking Spaces: _____
Illinois Sales Tax ID Number: _____ FEIN Number: _____

Business Owner Information:

OWNER NAME: _____		
OWNER ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	STATE: ____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____	CELL PHONE: _____	FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____		
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No		
If yes, please explain: _____		

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Emergency Contact Information:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Does your business have an alarm installed? Yes No

If yes, what type of alarm? _____

Billing Information:

NAME: _____			
RELATIONSHIP TO BUSINESS: _____			
BILLING ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	STATE: ____	ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____	CELL PHONE: _____	FAX: _____	
EMAIL: _____			

Property Owner Information:

OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Please complete the following to calculate your Business License fee:

General License Fee (per enclosed fee schedule): \$ _____

Square Footage License Fee (check appropriate box): \$ _____

Under 3,000 sqft	\$ -
3,000 to 10,000 sqft	\$200
10,001 to 20,000 sqft	\$400
Over 20,000 sqft	\$800

If you sell over-the-counter tobacco products add \$75 \$ _____

Total (enclose check with application): \$ _____

The signatory below certifies that to the best of their knowledge all the foregoing information is true and correct as provided. I hereby certify that the proposed use is authorized by the owner of record and that I have been authorized by the owner to submit this application as their agent.

Additional licenses may be required depending on the business activity. Refer to the Business License Ordinance. A Business License does not authorize the holder to conduct business in violation of any City Ordinance. Restaurants or businesses selling food must provide a copy of their Lake county Food Permit Certificate.

Return the completed application with fee(s) to: City of North Chicago; Attn: Economic and Community Development; 1850 Lewis Avenue; North Chicago, IL 60064. Make check payable to: City of North Chicago.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

The above is general information and should not be construed as total compliance with the City of North Chicago Municipal Code.

BUSINESS LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE



Description	Amount	Notes
Square Footage Fee:		
Less than 3,000 square feet	-	
From 3,000 to 10,000 square feet	\$200.00	Per annum
From 10,001 to 20,000 square feet	\$400.00	Per annum
Over 20,000 square feet	\$800.00	Per annum
General License Fee (for businesses not listed below):		
General Business License Fee	\$200.00	Per annum
Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Fee	\$100.00	New business only
Certificate of Occupancy Reinspection Fee	\$50.00	Each additional inspection required
Amusements (public shows, circuses, theatricals):		
Menageries	\$20.00	Per day
Carnivals	\$100.00	Per day
Exhibitions of inanimate objects	\$100.00	Per day
Circuses	\$250.00	Per day
Street parades in conjunction with circuses	\$50.00	Per day
Athletic Exhibitions	5% of gross receipts	
Music Devices for public use	\$75.00	Per annum
Other amusements	\$100.00	Per day
Bakeries:		
License	\$200.00	Per annum
Banquet Facilities:		
License	\$1,000.00	Per annum

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Barber Shops:		
License - up to three chairs	\$200.00	Per annum
License - each chair over three	\$50.00	Per annum
Beauty Shops:		
License - up to three chairs	\$200.00	Per annum
License - each chair over three	\$50.00	Per annum
Billiard and Pool Halls:		
License - first table	\$400.00	Per annum
License - each additional table	\$50.00	Per annum
Bowling Alleys:		
License - first lane	\$200.00	Per annum
License - each additional lane	\$40.00	Per annum
Burglar and Fire Alarms:		
License	\$250.00	Per annum
Surety bond required	\$15,000.00	
Carwash or Laundromat:		
License	\$350.00	Per annum
Contractor Licenses:		
License - General Contractor	\$100.00	Per annum
License - Specialty	\$60.00	Per annum
Electrical Contractors:		
License	\$100.00	Per annum
Entertainment Businesses (act, show, revue):		
License - Class A (entertainment at eating place)	\$200.00	Per annum
License - Class B (entertainment at beverage place)	\$450.00	Per annum

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License – Class C (human body with eating or beverage)	\$1,100.00	Per annum
Filling Stations:		
License – up to three hoses	\$200.00	Per annum
License – each additional hose	\$50.00	Per annum
Florists:		
License	\$200.00	Per annum
Garage Sales:		
Permit Required	No fee	
Ice Cream Vendor or Vending Vehicle		
License	\$300.00	Per annum
Itinerant Merchants (Transient Vendor):		
License	\$20.00	Per day
OR License	\$100.00	Per month
Junk Dealers:		
License	\$250.00	Per annum
License – each wagon used	\$50.00	Per annum
License – each vehicle used	\$50.00	Per annum
Landscape and Lawncare Professionals:		
License – business located in the City	\$200.00	Per annum
License – contractor, business not located in the City	\$60.00	Per annum
Massage Parlors:		
License	\$200.00	Per annum
Motion Pictures or Theatricals:		
License – licensed premises	\$250.00	Per annum
License – unlicensed premises	\$50.00	Per day

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Off-Premises Advertisers or Billboards:		
License - for each installation	\$10.00	Per square foot of display area per annum
Outdoor Community Market:		
License	\$300.00	Per annum
Pawnbrokers:		
License	\$350.00	Per annum
Surety bond required	\$10,000.00	
Public Passenger Vehicles (Class A City Service):		
License (limited to three)	\$300.00	Each business
License - outside City limits	\$1,300.00	Each business
Taxicab License - not to exceed 25 per business	\$500.00	Each taxicab
Inspection fees	\$50.00	Each 6 months per taxicab
Reinspection for failed inspection	\$35.00	Each taxicab
Chauffeur's License	\$20.00	Each driver
Public Passenger Vehicles (Class B Naval Station Great Lakes Services):		
Class B Taxicab License	\$1,000.00	Each taxicab
Inspection fees	\$50.00	Each 6 months per taxicab
Reinspection for failed inspection	\$35.00	Each taxicab
Raffles:		
License	\$20.00	Per occasion
Restaurants:		
License	\$200.00	Per annum

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Scavengers:		
Permit fee	\$200.00	Per annum
Secondhand Stores:		
License	\$200.00	Per annum
Tattoo Parlors:		
License	\$1,100.00	Per annum
Towing:		
License - Class A	\$1,000.00	Per annum
License - Class B	\$200.00	Per annum
Undertakers:		
License	\$250.00	Per annum
Used Car Dealers:		
License - first location	\$200.00	Per annum
License - each additional location	\$60.00	Per annum
Vending Machines:		
License	\$75.00	Per machine

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Restaurant and Food Service Process:

Below is a list of the processes that need to occur prior to opening a restaurant or other food service facility within the City of North Chicago. Please note that additional business or other licenses may be required separately through the State of Illinois. Prospective businesses should generally proceed through the processes below in the order that they are listed. This list is provided as a summary only and actual steps and processes may vary.

1. Zoning and Site Regulation Review (City)
 - a. Confirm permitted zoning with Economic and Community Development Department
2. Health Department Review (Lake County)
 - a. Apply for a food license
 - b. A Health Inspector from Lake County will inspect the plans and advise
 - c. Contact the Lake County Health Department at 847-377-8040
3. Apply for Permits to Make Necessary Repairs and Upgrades (City)
 - a. Apply for building permit(s) if work is being done
 - b. City staff and/or third party contractors will review the plans
 - c. Work can only commence with an issued permit
 - d. Completed work must pass City inspections
4. Health Department Final Inspections (Lake County)
 - a. A Health Inspector will need to review any completed improvements
 - b. Final approval from the Health Department is required
5. Business License and Required Inspection Application and Review (City)
 - a. Submit application with the Department of Economic and Community Development
 - b. Provide a copy of the approved Lake County Health Permit
 - c. The application is reviewed by City staff
 - d. Fire and Building inspections are required
 - e. The space may be occupied and used once the Business License and Certificate of Occupancy are approved

Tax Note:

The City of North Chicago imposes a one percent (1.00%) tax on the sale of prepared food, drinks, and alcoholic liquor. Please contact the Comptroller's Office to obtain information on the tax and filing procedures at 847-596-8620.

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CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY APPLICATION



Applicant Information:

NAME: _____	
RELATION TO PROPERTY OR BUSINESS: _____	
PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____

Business Owner Information:

OWNER NAME: _____			
OWNER ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	STATE: _____	ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____		

Business Information:

BUSINESS NAME: _____	
BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
BUSINESS PHONE: _____	BUSINESS FAX: _____
EMAIL: _____	
DAYS/HOURS OF OPERATION: _____	
TYPE OF BUSINESS: _____	
DESCRIBE BUSINESS: _____	
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: _____	NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES: _____

Property Information:

SQUARE FOOTAGE TO BE OCCUPIED: _____	AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER: _____
DESCRIBE PORTION OF PROPERTY TO BE USED: _____	

Property Owner Information:

OWNER NAME: _____	
OWNER ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____