

Starting A Business in the 43rd Ward

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Licensing

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Doing Business In the 43rd Ward

Starting a business can be an exciting and overwhelming process. As Alderman of the 43rd Ward, I am excited to work with new and old business owners on improving the economic vitality of Lincoln Park and Old Town. If you are opening shop for the first time or are an existing business looking for answers to questions about the City of Chicago process, we encourage you to make an appointment with our office to discuss your issues. Please feel free to call us at (773) 348-9500 and set up an appointment with our Director of Zoning and Urban Development. We only ask that you fill out this [brief form](#) and submit it to our office prior to your appointment.

Please note that most businesses are required to hold business licenses from the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. It is a good idea to consult the [Business Affairs and Consumer Protection \(BACP\) homepage](#) to determine the type of business license and permits you will need to start your business. On the BACP website, you will find relevant city rules and regulations and supporting information. Please note that in some cases you will need more than one type of license. Some businesses are exempt from City licensing but may still be liable to pay City taxes. Click [here](#) to see the list of businesses that may be exempt. To obtain a business license, you will need to contact the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) and set up an appointment with a business consultant, either [online](#) or over the phone.

Important Contacts

New Business Info, Licensing & Support:

City of Chicago, Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

Phone: 312-744-6060

TTD: 312-744-1944

Fax: 312-744-0254

Address: 121 N. LaSalle Street, 60602

[Website Link](#)

Zoning Questions, Certifications & Appeals:

Chicago Department of Housing & Economic Development (HED), Bureau of Planning & Zoning Bureau

Address: 121 N. LaSalle Street, 60602

General Questions

Phone: 312-744-5777

TTD: 312-744-2950

Fax: 312-744-6552

Zoning Certification, **Phone:** 312-744-6317

Board of Appeals, **Phone:** 312-744-3888

[Website Link](#)

Business Workshops & Solutions

Education Workshops

The Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection offers free monthly workshops for entrepreneurs, covering subjects such as how to start up a business, how to market, and how to finance. To find out more visit their [website](#).

City Inspections Workshops

Esteemed as one of the most valuable programs offered by the city, this workshop allows you to talk directly to representatives of all five departments involved in your city inspection. For workshop times and locations, visit the Department of Business Affairs and consumer Protection [website](#) or call 312-744-5344.

Small Business Solution Station

City Hall hosts experts from trusted non-profit organizations available to assist you for free with business counseling, legal assistance, and financial and loan assistance. Make an appointment today. Visit their [website](#) or call 312-744-5506.

