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## Tips for Starting/Owning a Small Business

### Planning & Zoning Information

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Once you have chosen a tentative location for your business, contact the Planning & Zoning Department to determine the permitted uses of the location. There may be special restrictions in the area. **DO NOT INVEST ANY MONEY IN A LOCATION UNTIL ZONING HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY RESEARCHED!!!**

The Planning & Zoning department can help you determine if your location and type of business are in compliance with ordinances. You will be required to submit your business information to the Planning & Zoning department to determine if the business complies with the zoning or can be adapted to comply. Some zoning concerns are:

- 1—Current zoning classification
- 2—Building setbacks
- 3—Off-street parking availability and service entrance requirements
- 4—Buffer yards or required screening
- 5—Lot area minimum
- 6—Sign regulations

Sign permits are required for erecting and placing any mounted or free-standing signs. Applications are filed through the Planning & Zoning department. If your plans do not/cannot meet these specifications, you can discuss options with the Planning & Zoning department. If you find the current zoning classification of your potential location does not allow for your business, you may file an appeal for rezoning. In order to file this appeal, contact the Planning & Zoning department.

#### **If your business will be located within County limits, contact:**

Henry County Planning & Zoning Department  
92 Ronnie Stewart Drive (collocated with the Development Plan Review Department at the Windy Hill office)  
McDonough, Georgia 30253  
770-288-7526  
<http://www.co.henry.ga.us/PlanningZoning>

#### **If your business will be located within the Hampton City limits, contact:**

City of Hampton Clerk's Office, 17 East Main Street South, Hampton, Georgia 30228  
770-946-4306

#### **If your business will be located within the Locust Grove City limits, contact:**

City of Locust Grove Clerk's Office, Post Office Box 900, Locust Grove, Georgia 30248  
770-957-5043

#### **If your business will be located within the McDonough City limits, contact:**

City of McDonough Clerk's Office, 136 Keys Ferry Street, McDonough, Georgia 30253  
770-957-3915

#### **If your business will be located within the Stockbridge City limits, contact:**

City of Stockbridge Business License Office, 4640 North Henry Blvd., Stockbridge, Georgia 30281  
770-389-7900