

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Below is a list of organizations and agencies you can contact to receive additional help. Assistance is often provided at no cost.

Business Link of North Carolina

800-228-8443
blnc.gov

Garner Chamber of Commerce

919-772-6440
garnerchamber.com

N.C. Department of Commerce

800-228-8443
nccommerce.com/smallbusiness

NC LEAP

(Lawyers for Entrepreneurs Assistance Program)

800-662-7407
ncbar.org/ncleap

Town of Garner Economic Development

919-773-4431
garnernc.gov

Wake Tech Small Business Center

919-335-1007
waketech.edu

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I'm excited about the prospects for entrepreneurs to discover what Garner has to offer and to recognize our town as a great place to establish a successful and sustainable enterprise. Small



Ken Marshburn
Mayor

businesses are part of the heart and soul not only of our local economy but of our community. They do so much to enhance Garner's quality of life, and we will continue to work diligently to recruit and retain small, independently owned businesses.

Businesses that want to learn more should contact:

Garner Economic Development
900 7th Avenue, Garner, NC 27529
919-773-4431 | garnernc.gov

STARTING A BUSINESS IN GARNER



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WELCOME TO GARNER

So, you think you want to start a new business? First, we want to thank you for considering locating your business in Garner. Starting a new business is an exciting endeavor, but it can be stressful. You may find yourself with numerous questions that you don't have the answers to.

We have provided you a list of questions you should ask yourself as you plan to open your new business. Before you sign a lease or purchase property, answer the questions listed in what follows. Finding out these answers before you make a contractual decision can save money and time as you move forward with your plans.

**"A Great Place to
Be in Business."**

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Before you sign a lease or purchase property, here are some questions to consider:

If you answer no to the following, contact Garner Economic Development:

- Have you decided how you will structure your business?
- Have you developed your business plan?

Once you have a prospective location for your business, contact Garner Planning for help with these questions:

- Is the property zoned appropriately?
- Is your proposed space in a special district?
- Will you need additional landscaping?
- Will you need additional parking?
- Is water and sewer available at your location?

If you answer yes to the following, contact Garner Planning for assistance:

- Will you need a sign?
- Will you be serving food or alcohol?
- Are you planning to operate a daycare?
- Will your business produce emissions or odors?

You should also be sure to contact the Garner Inspections Department. Here are some questions to consider:

- What are the fees associated with your project?
- Will you be making improvements or changes to the building?
- Does your proposed building meet ADA (American with Disabilities Act) requirements?
- Would you like an onsite consultation with the Garner Inspections Department?

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Garner Economic Development Department
919-773-4431

Garner Planning Department
919-773-4449

Garner Inspections Department
919-773-4433

ABC Commission of NC
919-779-0700

Wake County Environmental Health
919-856-7400

NC Secretary of State Office
919-807-2000

POTENTIAL APPLICABLE FEES

There will be fees associated with starting your business. Below are a few fees that you may be required to pay. This is **not** an exhaustive list. Fees will vary depending on the type and size of your business.

- Business Registration Fee (Garner)
- Plan Review Fee (Garner)
- Sign Permit Fee (Garner)
- Inspection Fee (Garner)
- Environmental Health (Wake County)
- ABC Fees (NC-alcohol only)