

# Start Your Restaurant

## Opening a Restaurant?

Use this map to navigate the permitting and licensing steps.

### Plan to Succeed

Formulate a strong business plan

Concept

Business Structure & Name

Marketing

Financing

Consider Hiring Expertise

### Location Matters

Evaluate potential locations

Land Use, Zoning & Occupancy

Fire Suppression & Safety

Building Improvements

Parking

Serving Alcohol

Hoods & Grease Treatment

Consider Hiring Expertise

### Get Licensed

Register and apply for licenses

Register Business Structure

City & State Business Licenses

Specialty Licenses

Federal Identification

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### Improvements

Develop your floor plan and get your permits in order

Health Department Review

Land Use & Zoning Permits

Construction & Trade Permits

Sprinkler & Fire Alarm Permits

Sign & Right-of-Way Permits

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### Final Prep

Last steps toward opening your doors

Hire & Train Employees

Final Inspections & Approvals

Food Service Operating Permit

### You're in Business

What to expect in your first year

Employer Reporting

Business & Employment Taxes

License & Permit Renewals

Planned & Unannounced Inspections

