

# OPENING A BUSINESS IN LAUREL, DELAWARE

Thank you for wanting to be a part of The Town of Laurel. We look forward to working with you to make this town a better place. Please contact the Code Enforcement Office to schedule a pre-development meeting to make sure this is a smooth process.

If you are able to provide an address and/or tax parcel number of the proposed location, the Code Enforcement Officer can determine the permitted uses.

## If Proposed Business:

1. Is permitted in a Commercial Business, Town Center or Marine Resources District and;
2. The parking requirements can be met and;
3. The entrance is on a town maintained street and;
4. Does not require physical changes to building and;
5. Does not change the Occupancy Classification (as defined by the [Office of State Fire Marshal](#))

Apply for proper [State Business License](#)

Provide proposed building floor plan

Submit Sign Request

Town review of Application

Sign Permit Issued

Final Inspection & Approval obtained from Laurel Code Enforcement

Obtain Town Business License. Application is available on [town's website](#)

**OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

## If Proposed Business:

1. Is permitted in zoning district and;
2. The entrance is on a State maintained street and;
3. Requires physical changes to the building and;
4. Requires a change of Occupancy Classification (as defined by the [Office of State Fire Marshal](#))

Apply for proper [State Business License](#)

Code Enforcement Officer will assist in determining what application and permits must be obtained prior to occupying your location.

If a site plan is required to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission, a date will be selected and a hearing scheduled.

## Additional State/County agency approvals may be required:

1. [Delaware Department of Transportation](#)
2. [Office of State Fire Marshal](#)
3. [Sussex County Building Codes](#)
4. [Division of Public Health](#)
5. [De. Dept. of Nat. Resources & Env. Control](#)
6. [Sussex Conservation District](#)

Building & Sign Permit Issued and Start Construction

Final Inspection & Certificate of Occupancy Issued

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## If Proposed Business:

1. Is NOT permitted in zoning district

**STOP! Contact the Code Enforcement Officer.**

## Contact Information:

**Mayor – John Shwed**  
302-875-2277

**Town Manager – Jamie Smith**  
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**Code Enforcement – Ken West**  
302-875-2277 or

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**Police Chief – Dan Wright**

302-875-2244

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