
Frequently Asked Questions

How long will it take to process my application?

Processing times vary. Since many professionals need to review your application, it may take up to 2 weeks to receive your business license.

What happens if my application is denied?

Your application could be denied for many reasons. A Bed and Breakfast needs to have the appropriate fire safety features, adequate parking, adequate access to the property, and be in a adequately constructed and maintained building. It also needs to be in a residential zone and restricted to the specifications in this brochure. If denied, ask Staff what options are available to you.

Where can I find more information about business licenses?

You can read more about business licenses and home occupations in the Business license brochure available in the Planning Department.



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Bed and Breakfasts



***A Guide to bed and
breakfasts establishments
in Residential Zones***

A Guide to Bed and Breakfasts

A bed and breakfast is the licensed use of a dwelling by a resident for the provision of temporary lodging of paying guests. Two guest rooms are permitted with the serving of a morning meal to such guests. The dwelling will also include the use of a common living and dining area.

How the City defines Bed and Breakfast establishments

A bed and breakfast must meet all of the following requirements:

- 1) *Located in a single family residential zone, with a single family residence as the principle use.*
- 2) *All employees are residents of that home.*
- 3) *No structural alterations to the dwelling.*
- 4) *No exterior indication that there is a home occupation (except permitted sign), including outdoor storage.*
- 5) *No noise, vibration, smoke, dust,*

- 5) *No fire hazards, electrical interference or traffic congestion.*
- 6) *Only a 0.3 square metre (3 square feet) sign with the owner's name and occupation is permitted (can be illuminated but not flashing). No other signs or advertisements.*
- 7) *Maximum of 2 guest rooms.*
- 8) *No cooking facilities in the rented rooms.*
- 9) *Rental rates can not be posted on the property.*
- 10) *More than one means of access and egress from the premise.*
- 11) *Maintain a guest register.*
- 12) *No paying guest can stay for more than 14 consecutive days.*
- 13) *No sales of alcoholic beverages.*
- 14) *Parking must be provided in accordance with 12.4A of the Zoning Bylaw, plus one stall per rented room.*
- 15) *The premise must be equipped with approved fire extinguishers having a minimum of 2-A:10B-C rating.*
- 16) *Each premise must have an emergency plan approved by the Fire Chief.*

What you need to start your business

You need to apply for a business license. Your business license needs to be approved by the Building Inspector, Fire Chief, Public Health Inspector and Electrical Inspector before it will be issued.

What you need to submit an application

You must submit a copy of the emergency plan, which will be posted in your Bed and Breakfast. The emergency plan will need to be approved by the Fire Chief. A site plan showing access to the property and parking stalls will also be helpful in determining if you are able to have a bed and breakfast on your property.

What to do after you get your license

You are required to post your business license in a visible location at your place of business. Each calendar year, you are required to obtain an updated business license. You must keep the City up-to-date on any changes to your business. You must keep a guest registry and you must properly maintain your fire safety equipment.