

Check Local Requirements

The permitting process can be complicated. There is no one size fits all approach to getting the permits needed for your business. This guide provides background information regarding the types of permits that will be required, and which agencies you should speak with as part of the business start-up process. Keep the following in mind.

- Some sites may not be “zoned” for the use you are proposing.
- Other sites may have issues with state building and fire codes. It is important to make sure those issues are addressed prior to occupying a site. Solving problems after the fact can be very expensive, and may require your business to cease operations to bring the site into compliance.
- You can never ask enough questions. Be sure to document who you spoke with and the specific responses that were provided. Always get answers in writing.
- Before applying for any permits, or signing a lease, check (and double-check) all local requirements.
- Is the property zoned appropriately? The Zoning Enforcement Officer is a great resource to determine whether the zoning is correct.
- Does the Norwich Building Code allow for the use? The Building Official can answer this question.
- Does the Fire Code allow the use? The Fire Marshal can answer this question.
- Are there any incentives to locate in this part of the city? Is the property located in the Enterprise Zone or historic downtown Norwich? Review the incentive list in the sidebar.



CITY INCENTIVES

Downtown Programs

- Lease Rebate
 - Code Correction
 - Revolving Loan Program
- Program is administered by NCDC
askncdc.com | 860.887.6964

Commercial Energy Efficiency Program

Program is administered by Norwich Public Utilities
Norwichpublicutilities.com | 860.887.2555

Urban Enterprise Zone

Tax incentives for improvements to real estate
Program is administered by the City's Tax Assessor | 860.823.3723

Economic Development Job Creation / Retention (EDP)

Pilot grant program, administered by the Community Development Office | 860.823.3770

STATE INCENTIVES

Enterprise Zone

Benefits may include:

- An 80% five year local property tax abatement
- A 25% or a 50% credit on the state corporate business tax. ct.gov/ecd

Urban Jobs Program

Limited applicability. Check with NCDC for eligibility.