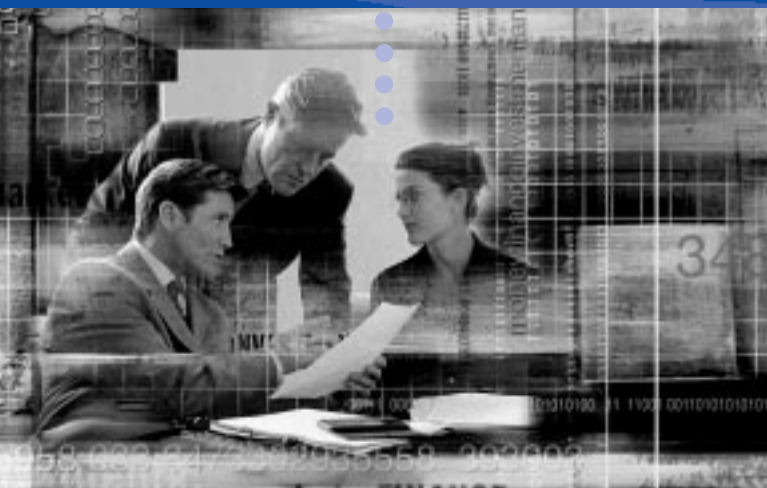




The City of Weston welcomes and encourages new business within our City.

This publication is provided to assist you in understanding City laws and regulations affecting businesses with Weston.

Visit our City website at www.westonfl.org to view the Weston Code of Ordinances, Chapter 110: Business Regulations in its entirety. (Go to Commission Agenda/ Minutes/Info, then click on Codes.)



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Occupational Licenses



All Businesses Must Have A Current City Of Weston Occupational License.

“No person shall engage in or manage or be in charge of any business, profession, or occupation that is carried on within the City until a city occupational license for the current year has been obtained for such business, profession, or occupation and the proper occupational license tax paid therefore.”

City Code 110.15

This includes **Home Businesses**.

Each year, the occupational license must be renewed prior to October 1st.

All forms and instructions for obtaining a Weston Occupational License are available by calling the **Occupational License Coordinator at 954-753-5841** or may be picked up at City Hall.

- Occupational licenses must be displayed in a conspicuous place in or about the place of business.
- There are specific requirements of Convenience Businesses. Please refer to Chapter 110.55 of the Weston Code of Ordinances.
- Home occupations: There are specific restrictions on types of home occupations. There shall be no display of goods, machinery or equipment, signs, nor any performance of work visible from any street or adjoining property. Please refer to Chapter 110.56 of the Weston Code of Ordinances.



Signs

The City of Weston is committed to the preservation and enhancement of our community's value. Strict sign codes have been enacted to support that effort.

Below are several of the most frequent inquires regarding signage in Weston. This is not a complete listing.

Prohibited Signs

- Neon and any sign that emits a sound, odor, or visible matter, such as smoke or vapor or a visible light source
- Signs that rotate, flash, move or give the appearance of motion
- Signs that are off-premise, on poles, or in rights-of-way
- Roof signs
- Inflatable signs
- Signs that are portable or unattached to a building or the ground (i.e.: Banner Signs)
- Channel lettering or logo with internally illuminated face

Seasonal Decorations (Non-Residential Areas)

- Exhibited only during nationally recognized holiday period
- Displays shall emit no noise, sound or music
- Displays shall not flash or blink
- Shall contain no commercial message
- Displays shall be taken down within five days after the season ends

Lettering On Commercial Vehicles

Every motor vehicle used for commercial purposes or a designated commercial vehicle used to conduct business within the City shall have displayed on each side, the following information:

- Trade name, symbol, or “logo” of business entity utilizing the vehicle for a commercial or business purpose
- General nature or character of business, if not described in trade name or symbol
- Street address
- Broward County occupational license number(s) of the person(s) utilizing the vehicle for a commercial or business purpose
- Letters and numbers must be at least 1 1/2” high and of a contrasting color to the vehicle and permanently affixed

See Chapter 110.58 for information and exemptions.

Please refer to Chapter 156 - Sign Code for all provisions and design and performance standards.

**ALL SIGNS REQUIRE A CITY PERMIT.*

Contact the Weston Planning & Zoning Department at 954-921-7781 for permit applications and information.

Banner Signs

May be permitted after receipt of authorization by the City (for up to 30 consecutive days in any 12-month period).

Authorization of such banner signs are associated with:

- Initial opening of a business
- Renaming of an existing business
- Change of ownership/management of existing business

Permits are issued by the Weston Planning & Zoning Department, 954-921-7781.

Special Event Signs

May be authorized by the City for periods of up to 30 consecutive days in any 12-month period.

Such signs shall only be permitted if a Special Event Permit has been authorized.

Special Event Permits are issued by the Community Services Department, 954-389-4321 (see Special & Outdoor Events).

Special & Outdoor Events

A permit is required for any person, firm or corporation to hold a sporting event, an outdoor music festival, or other outdoor exhibition or special event giving show or performances to the general public of a temporary or limited nature.

Special Event Permits also include:

- Outdoor sidewalk arts and crafts shows or exhibits sponsored by such shopping centers or by not-for-profit guilds, organizations, groups or civic associations.
- Mechanical rides and amusements are prohibited.
- Application for a Special Event Permit shall be made 60 days prior to the event.

Special Event Permits are issued by the Community Services Department, 954-389-4321. Applications are available by calling the department or visiting the Weston Community Center at 20200 Saddle Club Road.