

# How to Start a *Business*

**Planning Permits** – Every business will want to check with the Planning Department regarding their specific permits for operating.

Use the checklist of questions below when speaking to a planner  
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## Checklist of Questions to Ask a Planner

- What is the zoning (What am I allowed to do/What type of business am I allowed to have at "123 Main Street"?) - Be sure to describe your business in detail.
- Is the property located in a Specific Plan?
- What applications are required for my type of business?
- What are the planning fees?
- After I submit my plans, how long will it take to hear from a planner?
- Are there any community reviews or public hearings that my plans will need to go to?
- Who else should I speak to? (Fire, Building, Environmental Health, Business Licensing, CV San, Oro Loma, East Bay MUD)



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