

# *Frequently Asked Questions*

- **How long does the business licensing process take?**

*Business license applications submitted from outside the city limits normally take 7-10 days to process.*

*Those within city limits may/will require the following after the license application is submitted and before the license can be granted:*

- ***Building Inspection*** (appointment can be scheduled at 661-763-1222 ext17)
- ***Kern County Fire Department Inspection*** (appointment can be scheduled at 661-391-7080)
- ***Planning Department Approval***, including signage permits (call 661-763-1222 ext 15)
- ***Police Department Approval*** (internal process, no inspection or appointment needed)
- ***Public Works Department Approval*** (internal process, no inspection or appointment needed)

*After all requirements have been met and all departments have signed off, the license will be issued.*

- **Do I need a business license?**

*Yes, in accordance with City Code 4-2-1 anyone who conducts any kind of business, whether or not carried on for profit must obtain a business license.*

- **If I conduct my business from my home, do I still need a business license?**

*Yes, you will need to apply for a home occupancy permit (one-time \$60 fee). If you rent your home, you will also need written permission from the property owner to conduct business from that location. You will also need to turn in an application for a business license.*