



**\*Administrative Fee: \$25.00**  
(Non-Refundable)

**\*Business Tax Receipt fees**  
**based on classification**  
(Starting at \$105.00)

# COMMERCIAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT APPLICATION

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## Residential Care Homes

If you are an Assisted Living Facility (ALF) or Group Home, you must complete the Community Residential Homes Sponsor Certification with the Growth Management Dept prior to applying for your BTR.

The Police and Fire Departments require three (3) supplemental/emergency contacts, in the event of a fire or burglary and you are not available.

If you are licensed in any way by the State of Florida, a copy of your license must be uploaded with your application, unless pre-inspections are needed so that you may apply for your state license. In this case, you may apply for a BTR, and inspections will be scheduled; however, your application will remain on hold until a state license is provided by you. Afterwards, you may receive your Business Tax Receipt.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be processed until all requested information is provided. Failure to provide the requested information will result in additional time necessary to process your application.

**The Administrative fee and BTR fee are required to issue your Business Tax Receipt. These fees will not be refunded once your application is submitted.**

**Allow 10-14 business days for all departments to approve your application.**

When you receive your BTR from the City of Palm Bay, please be sure to contact the Brevard County Tax Collector's Office, at (321) 264-6969 or (321) 633-2199, to obtain information on your Brevard County Business Tax Receipt. You may not obtain the County Business Tax Receipt without first providing them with your City of Palm Bay Business Tax Receipt.



# Palm Bay Fire-Rescue

*Office of the Fire Marshal*

**To:** New Residential Care Homes

**From:** Granville Krauss, Fire Marshal

**Date:** July 27, 2023

**Subject:** Requirement to provide Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems

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Florida Building Code 7th edition requires an Automatic Sprinkler System in Residential Board and Care Facilities. This would include but not limited to the following occupancies:

1. Assisted Living Facilities
2. Adult Living Facilities
3. Group Homes
4. Foster Homes

**FBC 903.2.8.4 Care Facilities.** An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3 shall be permitted in care facilities with 5 or fewer individuals in a single-family dwelling.

*Granville Krauss*

*Fire Marshal, Granville Krauss*

## - APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT -

We would like to welcome you and your business to Palm Bay. As part of obtaining a Business Tax Receipt, a fire safety inspection is required by the Fire Department before you operate your business, even if the nature of your business is the same/similar as the previous occupant. A fire inspector will be contacting you to schedule an appointment for an inspection as quickly as possible, after you submit your application. A fire inspection fee, separate from the BTR fee, will be invoiced at the time of a fire safety inspection by the Fire Department.

**To assist you in obtaining your Receipt, the following is a list of the most common fire code deficiencies noted by our fire inspectors:**

1. The existing business location you have chosen may necessitate a change of occupancy. Just because there was a business in this location prior to your business there may be a different occupancy classification code for your business. **If you have any doubts, please reach out to Fire Inspection and Building Department staff directly before moving forward!!**
2. **Any vacant commercial unit that was for a different use**, could possibly necessitate code required building modifications. In some cases a different occupancy classification could cause some significant Life Safety or Building code requirements.
3. **Address or unit number(s) not posted on the building.** The address must be conspicuously posted on the building; requirements are only three (3) inches high and three quarters (3/4) inch in width. We recommend six (6) inch high numbers.
4. **Fire extinguisher(s) not provided, or improper rating.** The minimum size and type of fire extinguisher required is a 2A;10bc dry chemical fire extinguisher. Specialty type extinguisher(s) may be required, depending upon the hazard of the contents of the business.
5. **Circuit breakers not labeled and electrical panel boxes not accessible.** All circuit breakers must be labeled to indicate what each circuit controls and a minimum of three (3) feet clearance must be provided in front of the panel.
6. **Extension cords being used in place of permanent wiring.** Only UL surge suppressors are permitted.

**It is against City ordinance to operate your business without a Business Tax Receipt. Under no circumstances should a business operate without having a Business Tax Receipt in their possession. It is important to have your business set up and any of the above listed items corrected prior to the inspector's arrival.** If any deficiencies are found, the fire inspector will work with you to correct these items. Sometimes code deficiency items are noted for items that may have been beyond the control of the previous inspection personnel and your cooperation is appreciated. The Inspections Bureau is interested in maintaining a fire safe environment for the business owners and customers. If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 321-953-8929 between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. **\*\*A fire inspection fee will be assessed. \*\***

**We wish you the best success in your new endeavor!**

## **Notice to Business Owners Regarding Sexual Offenders**

The CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, adopted Ordinance 2005-76

on November 17, 2005. The ordinance provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

It is unlawful for any business owner, manager, supervisor or employer to allow, direct, dispatch, or instruct a known sexual predator and/or sexual offender to enter into or upon any residence, including the curtilage thereof, any designated private or public school facilities or grounds, including school bus stops, or any day-care center, library, after-care center, park, playground, hospital, hospice facility, nursing home, adult day care center, dwelling, domicile, or other place where children or vulnerable adults may reside or regularly congregate, to make deliveries or perform work. The ordinance places the responsibility on business owners, managers, supervisors or employers (hereafter "Employer") to determine whether their employees are sexual predators or sexual offenders. Failure to make such determination can result in both a criminal conviction for violating the ordinance and the loss of the Business Tax Receipt. You are therefore required to determine if your employees, current and prospective, are sexual offenders or sexual predators and to prevent them from entering into the properties defined in the ordinance.

A complete copy of Ordinance 2005-76 has been obtained from the Office of the City Clerk which is located at 120 Malabar Rd SE, Palm Bay, FL 32907.



**Fats, Oils, and Grease Program**  
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## **NOTICE TO BUSINESSES**

THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, adopted Ordinance 2013-15 on February 21, 2013. The ordinance provided revisions to the previous Sewer Use Ordinance and also established guidelines for the monitoring and regulation of fats, oils, and grease discharged into the City's wastewater collection system. Your business may be subject to the requirements set forth in this Ordinance. See excerpt below:

### **Section 201.240**

### **GREASE, OIL, AND GROSS PARTICLE SEPARATORS INTERCEPTOR REGULATIONS.**

#### **(A) User Discharge Permit Required.**

- (1) All Food Service Establishments (FSE), whether new or existing, shall be required to obtain a user's discharge permit from the City.
- (2) All industries requiring Gross Particle Separators, whether new or existing, shall be required to obtain a user discharge permit from the City.
- (3) All user discharge permit required establishments that change ownership must apply for a new user discharge permit within thirty (30) days of the change in ownership.

You will need to apply for a permit if your business:

- Serves food,
- Operates a three-compartment sink,
- Uses an oil and water separator, or
- Utilizes a sediment and water separator.

On-line permits can be found on the Palm Bay Utilities Department's web page [[www.pbud.org](http://www.pbud.org)]

You may complete and submit applications online, or you may print the application and mail it to the above address. If you need assistance with the permit application, please contact our office.

A copy of Ordinance 2013-15 in its entirety may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk located in City Hall at 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, FL 32907

For additional information, please contact Palm Bay Utilities Department's FOG Inspector at 321-952-3400 ext. 7354 or via email at [fog@pbfl.org](mailto:fog@pbfl.org).

# CHECKLIST

- Completed Business Registration and Business Application through the iMS portal. – [www.palmbayflorida.org/btr](http://www.palmbayflorida.org/btr)
- Photo ID
- Articles of Incorporation and/or Fictitious Name Registration, if applicable
- Form of Payment (check, money order, credit/debit card)
- State License, if applicable (i.e. ACHA, Department of Business & Professional Regulation, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc.)
- Community Residential Homes Sponsor Certification (Required by Growth Management for ALFs/Group Homes prior to applying for a BTR)

## Helpful Contact Information

- Community Residential Homes Sponsor Certification – [www.palmbayflorida.org/btr](http://www.palmbayflorida.org/btr)
- [Sunbiz.org](http://Sunbiz.org) - used for filing Fictitious Name or Incorporation in State of Florida
- Agency for Healthcare Administration (ACHA) - [www.ahca.myflorida.com](http://www.ahca.myflorida.com)
- Department of Business & Professional Regulation - [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) or (850) 487-1395
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - [www.freshfromflorida.com](http://www.freshfromflorida.com) or (800) 435-7352
- Division of Hotels and Restaurants [www.myfloridalicense.com](http://www.myfloridalicense.com) or (850) 487-1395



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## BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS - SCHEDULE OF FEES

**In July** of each year, annual renewal notices will be sent to each business holding a current City of Palm Bay Business Tax Receipt. Failure to receive notice will NOT be considered a justifiable defense for nonpayment of the annual receipt fee or late payment fee.

Business Tax Receipts ***must*** be renewed before October 1st of each year to avoid penalties.

### Late Payment Fees

Receipts not renewed by October 1st are delinquent and are subject to the following penalty schedule per City Ordinance § 110.22:

| DATE RENEWED    | TOTAL COST                |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Oct 1 - Oct 31  | BTR Fee + 10% Penalty Fee |
| Nov 1 - Nov 30  | BTR Fee + 15% Penalty Fee |
| Dec 1 - Dec 31  | BTR Fee + 20% Penalty Fee |
| Jan 1 - Sept 30 | BTR Fee + 25% Penalty Fee |

### Half Year Fee

For each receipt obtained by a new business between April 1st and September 14th of any year, one-half (1/2) of the fee for one (1) year shall be paid. A new business obtaining a receipt between September 15th and September 30th may operate under the authority of its 'next year' (October 1 –September 30) receipt.

### Refund of Fees

No portion of any fee will be refunded, except if the fee is collected in error. No refunds will be made after the expiration of the receipt year for which it was issued.