



HOW TO START A BUSINESS

STEP 2

CHOOSE A LOCATION

Picking the perfect location for your business is like picking the perfect vehicle for your trip! Many factors need to be considered to make your ride more efficient as well as fit all your needs.

Your business location determines the taxes, zoning laws, and other regulations your business will need to abide by. You will need to make a strategic decision about which location in the Sand Springs area in which to start your business.

1. Research the best place to locate the business: where you locate your business depends in part on the locations of your target market, business partners, and your personal preferences. In addition, you should consider the costs, benefits, and restrictions of different government agencies. You may need to a Certificate of Occupancy from the city, obtain a sales tax permit from the Oklahoma Tax Commission, or get other licenses or permits – including building or trade permits for remodeling, food service permits from the Tulsa Health Department, and alcoholic beverage licenses from the ABLE Commission and city. Knowing there requirements in advance is important to your business plan. You can find additional information about Sand Springs tax rates and how to acquire permits and licenses from the City of Sand Springs by clicking [here](#).

Market data for Sand Springs can be found [here](#).

2. Region-specific business expenses: when you calculate your startup costs, take into account the way different expenses might cost more or less depending on your location.

In addition to annual fees and taxes, other varying costs should be considered. Standard salaries, minimum wages laws, property values, rental rates, business insurance rates, utilities, and specific government licenses and fees can all vary significantly by city, county and state.

3. Local zoning ordinances: if you buy rent, build or plan to work out of a physical property for your business, make sure it conforms to local zoning requirements. The City of Sand Springs, Tulsa County and Osage County each have zoning codes applicable to business uses.
 - Neighborhoods are generally zoned for either commercial or residential use. Zoning ordinances can restrict or entirely ban specific kinds of businesses from operating in an area.

- You might have fewer zoning restrictions if you base your business out of your home, but zoning ordinances can still apply even to home-based businesses.
4. **State and local taxes:** consider the tax landscape for the state, county and city. Income tax, sales tax, property tax and corporate taxes can vary significantly from place to place.

Sales tax rate:

City of Sand Springs: 8.917%

Tulsa County: .036%

Osage County: 1.25%

State of Oklahoma: 4.5%

Property tax: the median property tax in Tulsa County, Oklahoma calculator [click here](#).

Property tax: the median property tax in Osage County Oklahoma calculator [click here](#).

Visit the City of Sand Springs, and State of Oklahoma web sites to get additional information and details.

City of Sand Springs

<http://sandspringsok.org/>

State of Oklahoma Tax Commission

<https://www.ok.gov/tax/>