



# City of Victorville

## Development Department

Planning ♦ Building ♦ Code Enforcement ♦ Business License ♦ Animal Control

### In-City Firearms / Pawnshops Business License Requirements

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#### **BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS:**

- APPROPRIATE ZONING:** Before beginning the process, make sure that your type of business is compatible with the existing zoning for your proposed site. Provide the Assessor's Parcel Number or street address of the property to the Planning Division. Contact the Planning Division at [planning@victorvilleca.gov](mailto:planning@victorvilleca.gov) or at (760) 955-5135.
- BUSINESS LICENSE (BSL) ONLINE APPLICATION:** Anyone conducting business within Victorville city limits **must** obtain a Business License. Please log on to your Citizen's Access Portal Account and apply online. Once all approvals and required documents have been received, your Business License will be issued.
- HOME BUSINESSES ONLY: HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT (HOP) APPLICATION (ATTACH TO ONLINE APPLICATION):** All home based businesses within Victorville city limits **must** obtain a Home Occupation Permit. The Home Occupation Permit Application **must** be signed by the Business Owner and the Property Owner (the individual whose name is on the Grant Deed). We will not accept any applications with an incomplete or missing Home Occupation Permit Application. This Permit will be issued once all approvals have been received and will be issued with the Business License. For more information, contact the Planning Division in-person at City Hall, via email at [planning@victorvilleca.gov](mailto:planning@victorvilleca.gov) or by phone at (760) 955-5135.

OR

- COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES ONLY: CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (COFO) ONLINE APPLICATION:** All commercial businesses within Victorville city limits **must** obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. Please log on to your Citizen's Access Portal Account and apply online. The Certificate of Occupancy will be issued once all approvals have been received and will be issued with the Business License. For more information, contact the Building Division in-person at City Hall, via email at [inspection@victorvilleca.gov](mailto:inspection@victorvilleca.gov) or by phone at (760) 955-5100. **Please note the business owner or applicant is required to contact the Building Division to schedule the required fire and building inspections after applying for the Certificate of Occupancy.**
- FIRE OPERATIONAL PERMIT APPLICATION (ATTACH TO ONLINE APPLICATION):** All commercial businesses and some residential businesses within Victorville city limits **must** obtain a Fire Operational Permit. The Fire Operational Permit will be issued once all approvals have been received, and will be issued with the Business License. **FEES VARY BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE AND BUSINESS TYPE.** See the Fire Inspection and Operational Permit Fee Schedule Form located on our website for further reference. For more information, contact the Community Risk Reduction Division in-person at City Hall, via email at [fireprevention@victorvilleca.gov](mailto:fireprevention@victorvilleca.gov) or by phone at (760) 955-5227.

#### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS IF APPLICABLE: (attach all applicable documents to the "Attachment" section located at the end of the online application form to avoid delays in processing your application)**

- FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT (FBN) / CORPORATE STATUS:** If your business ownership type is Sole Proprietor (individual), Partnership (2 or more owners) or Trust, and your business name does not include your surnames (last names); or if your business ownership is a Limited Liability Company or Corporation, and your business name is something other than what is listed on the Articles of Incorporation, a copy of your Fictitious Business Name Statement is required (DBA - doing business as). For more information, contact the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office at (760) 995-8065, 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Hesperia or at [www.sbcounty.gov/arc/FbnInfo.aspx](http://www.sbcounty.gov/arc/FbnInfo.aspx).  
If your business ownership is a Limited Liability Company or Corporation, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation is required. For more information, contact the California Secretary of State at (916) 657-5448, or at [www.sos.ca.gov/business/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/).
- SELLER'S PERMIT:** If your business is selling tangible property at wholesale or retail prices, a copy of your Seller's Permit is required. Please be aware that the Seller's Permit must have the physical Victorville location for posting at the location. For more information, contact the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration at (800) 400-7115 or at [www.cdfta.ca.gov](http://www.cdfta.ca.gov).
- FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSE:** If your business sells firearms a Federal Firearms License is required. For more information, contact the United States Department of Justice, ATF, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at (818) 265-2500 or at [www.atf.gov/firearms/apply-license-0](http://www.atf.gov/firearms/apply-license-0).
- PAWN SHOP/BROKER, JUNK DEALER, SECONDHAND DEALER/STORE, SALVAGE COLLECTOR LICENSE:** If you are conducting business as a Pawn Shop, Junk Dealer, Secondhand Dealer/Store, Salvage Collector, etc this license is required. For more information please contact the County of San Bernardino, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (909) 387-3841 or at [www.sbcounty.gov/cob/](http://www.sbcounty.gov/cob/).