

Chatham County ~ Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services Occupational Tax Division ~ P.O. Box 8161, Savannah, GA 31412-8161 Physical Address: 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite D, Savannah GA 31406

Office: 912-201-4300 Fax 912-201-4301 Website: https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/

New Occupational Tax Application

Acceptance of payment by Chatham County does not constitute final approval of the business tax application. This application is subject to all necessary approvals. Said business tax fee shall be refunded if final approval is not granted. (\$75 Admin. Fee is non-refundable).

All Renewals are due annually, on or before March 1st.

□ Amend	Occupational Tax Certific	cate Number: _		Calenda	r Year:
NAICS Code:	Classification:				Class:
. Business Location: P	roperty Identification Number (F	PIN):			
□Exis	sting Building New Building Woman Owner	·	Complete Homeowne	•	Local Office
. Applying Applicant's		,			
ame:	onship with this business:				
Your relation	onship with this business: Mar	nager □ Officer □ Re	egistered Agent □ S	ole Owner □ Partn	er(s)
ontact Phone:	Cell Phone	e:	Email:	:	
	Sex: Ra				
river's License Number		State:	Georgia Sal	es Tax I.D. #	
ave you ever been arres	ted? □Yes □No If Yes, give o	late and offense:			
Business Information	: Individual Corpor	ation (INC., LLC)	□ Partnership		
orporate Name:				·	
dvertised Business Nam	e:				
usiness Address:			City	State:	Zip Code:
usiness Phone:	Other	Phone:	E	mail:	
Mailing Address:			City: _	State:	Zip:
. Type of Business:					
ominant Activity		Seconda	ry Activity		
E-Verify #	or Exemp	pt 🗌			
ertain PRACTITIONERS OF THE back of this form to determine bmit your payment with this ref	O Flat Tax in Lieu of Reportin IE PROFESSIONS may elect to pay \$4 eligibility for this option. If you are eligibitum. (attorney, physicians, chiropracund marriage and family therapist). Mo	100 Per Practitioner in ble, and if you and all motor, dentist, landscap UST PROVIDE CURRENT	lieu of reporting and p embers of your firm ele e architect, psycholo	aying a tax on profital ct to pay the flat Per F gist, veterinarian, os OFESSIONAL LICENSE	cility ratio. Check the list of pro RACTITIONER tax this year, of steepath, optometrist, podiat . Number of Practitioners:
Tax Schedule		Late Fee Add	the greater of \$25 or 10%	6 fee from tax schedule	\$
BRACKET # Estimate projected gros the first year to deter		Total Amo	ount Due:		\$
	ant, hereby register said business to ope o file this application, including any atta t, and complete.				
Signature of Apply	ving Applicant		Annlicat	ion Date	

INSTRUCTION FOR COMPLETING THIS BUSINESS TAX APPLICATION

This is a multi-purpose form, to be used for applying for a new business tax certificate or amend a previously filled business tax application in unincorporated Chatham County. Check the appropriate box at the top of the form. Business Tax Renewals must be paid by March 1st annually to avoid a penalty. Business owners are responsible for ensuring their business tax licenses are renewed annually regardless of the US Postal System.

- 1. The Property Identification Number (PIN) is required to process your application.
- 2. Provide your legal name, which must be your individual name and not the name of a business or organization.
- 3. Enter the street address where your business is **physically located.** The definition of business location does not include a temporary work site which serves a single customer of project.
- 4. Provide mailing address if different from business address.
- 5. Enter the dominant activity of your business. The dominant business activity is defined as the activity which is the major source of income of the business that conducts multiple activities. Such dominant business activity represents the largest percentage of business revenue but may not represent most of the revenue. Your business will be classified according to the dominant activity. Enter secondary activities of your business that are not considered in the dominant business activity.
- 6. E-Verify: Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6, requires all businesses with more than ten (10) employees, who are seeking an occupational tax certificate/business license or other document required to operate a business with a county or city to sign an affidavit attesting that they are registered for and use E-Verify. If you need assistance in completing the registration process or need additional information relating to E-Verify, call their customer service number at 1-888-464-4218, email them at E-Verify@dhs.gov or visit their website at http://www.dhs.gov/e-verify.
- 7. Flat Tax in Lieu of Reporting Profitability Ratio Bracket. Under State law, each person engaged in the practice of a profession as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-9 (c) (1)through (18); Such professional practitioners are as follows: attorney; physician; osteopath; chiropractor; podiatrist; dentist; optometrist; psychologist; veterinarian; landscape architect; marriage and family therapist, social worker, and professional counselor. If you are a professional practitioner who is eligible for this option, and if you and all members of your firm elect to pay the flat per- practitioner tax this year, check the block on this line and submit your \$400 tax payment. If this option is taken, each practicing professionals, and pay a tax totaling \$400 per professional. If you and your firm elect to pay a business tax based on gross receipts; your firm must list all practitioners and attach the list to a single business tax return for the firm.
- 8. Your estimated gross receipts will determine the initial year's business tax due. Enter in this block the bracket number from the enclosed Business Tax Schedule which represents the estimated gross receipts for the first year. If your business will only be in operation for a portion of the year, annualize your actual gross receipts by dividing the estimated gross receipts by the number of months left in this year.

Signature Block: The person who is authorized by your business to submit this return form must sign the form and enter his/her title.

INCLUSIONS: Gross receipts mean the total revenue of the occupation, business, or practitioner for the period, including but not limited to the following: Total Income, whether produced from inside or outside Chatham County, unless the business or practitioner has already paid a business tax on the income produced outside Chatham County.

Total income without deduction for cost of goods or expenses incurred.

Gain from trading the stocks, bonds, or capitol assets or instruments of indebtedness.

Proceeds from commissions on the sale of property, goods, or services.

Proceeds from fees for services rendered; and

Proceeds from rent, interest, royalty, or dividend income.

EXCLUSIONS: Gross receipts shall not include the following:

Sales, use, or excise tax.

Sales returns, allowances, and discounts.

Proceeds from sales to customers outside of Georgia.

Payments made to a subcontractor or an independent agent for services which contributed to the gross receipts issue.

Gross Income on alcoholic beverage sales covered by an alcohol license.

Inter-organizational sales of transfers between or among the units of a parent-subsidiary controlled group of corporations as defined by 26 U.S.C.

1563 (a)(1), or between or among the units of a brother-sister controlled group of corporations as defined by 26 U.S.C. 1563 (a)(2).

Governmental and foundation grants, charitable contribution, or interest income derived from such funds received by a nonprofit organization which employs salaried practitioners otherwise covered if such funds constitute 80% or more or the organization's receipts.

Refer to the Business Tax Schedule for your Business Tax by Profitability Class and enter the tax amount for the gross receipts Bracket identified on 14 above. Obtain the Profitability Class from the Occupational Tax Clerk for your Dominant Business Activity. (For renewal tax returns, if the renewal fee is paid or postmarked after March 1, add a delinquent payment penalty of the greater of \$25 or 10% of the tax amount due.)

Regulatory Fees: Any business of the type listed below operating within the unincorporated limits of Chatham County shall pay a regulatory fee in lieu of a business tax to Chatham County or other jurisdiction: Auctioneer, Drug Paraphernalia, Escort Service, Fortune Teller, Massage Therapist, Massage Parlor, and Mobile Home Park. See Clerk for Regulatory fee. Section §16-132

Prorated Business Tax: New tax certificates issued between July 1 and December 31, shall have Business Tax prorated to one-half (½) of the yearly rate. Regulatory fees and businesses designated as seasonal are not proratable.

Seasonal Business: Certain type businesses that are normally conducted for only a portion of the year. Businesses that are recognized as seasonal will not be required to renew their tax certificate by the yearly deadline; will have no proration of fees, and no late penalty. These include, but not limited to: Firewood sales, lee Cream trucks, Fruit & Vegetables (from stand or vehicle), Tax Preparation services, Chimney Sweeping or Cleaning. Cut Flowers & House Plants (from cart or stand), and Christmas Tree & Pumpkin sales.

NOTICE: YOUR FINANCIAL RECORDS ARE SUBJECT TO AUDIT, AND MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE IN CHATHAM COUNTY IFREQUESTED BY THE FINANCEOR BUILDING SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS. APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW FOR ZONING COMPLIANCE, AND TO REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW AND COUNTY ORDINANCE.

Zoning Approval:							
This location \Box Is \Box Is NOT properly zoned for the proposed business use. Zoning District							
If <i>not</i> , please explain:							
Zoning Administrator:	Date:						
**********************	***************************************						
Fire Approval: This proposed business & location \(\text{Does Does NO} \)	T meet the Chatham County Local Ordinances.						
Occupancy Load							
If Not, please explain:							
Fire Inspector:	Date:						

Police Approval:							
Any previous complaints from CCPD: □Yes □No C	riminal Background Record: Yes No						
If Yes, please explain:							
This business and/or applicant: \Box Is \Box Is NOT approx	oved by CCPD.						
Police Department:	Date:						

CHATHAM COUNTY OCCUPATIONAL TAX APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following documentation will be required before your application can be approved and processed.

- **(X) P.I.N. [Property Identification Number]**: Found on your property tax bill or call the Tax Assessors Office: (912) 652-7271 https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/
- **{X} Proof of Location:** Signed lease, utility bill, mortgage note, and/or letter of authorization (along with utility bill) from homeowner, etc. (In applicant's/business name)
- {X} Copy of Driver's License / State ID/ Passport (front & back)
- {X} Notarized Affidavit Verifying Status for County Public Benefit Application
- **{X} Notarized Private Employer Affidavit (E-Verify)**
- {X} Proof of Paid Chatham County Fire Fee:
- **{X} Proof of Gross Receipts (Renewal Requirement)**
- { } Homeowner's Affidavit: Required for ALL Home Base Businesses
- { } State License: Required for ALL State Regulated Professions
- {X} Incorporation Certificate: Required if business is Incorporated or LLC (Certificate Page Only)
- { } Food Service Permit: Contact Health Department (912) 356-2160 (All Prepared & Mobile Food Services)
- { } Dept. of Agriculture: If required, contact (800)282.5852 (seafood, meat, food cottages, fruit & vegetables, live plants, pet dealer)
- { } Change of Ownership: Required for business ownership change. Must be completed by previous owner.

CASHIER CLOSES AT 4:00 P.M. DAILY - NO CASH PAYMENTS OVER \$150.00 ACCEPTED

Building Safety website: https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/ Occupational Tax Phone: (912) 201-4302 GA Sales Tax: Department of Revenue (912) 748-5199 or https://dor.georgia.gov/taxes/business-taxes/sales-use-tax Corporation Information: GA Secretary of State (404) 656-2817 https://sos.ga.gov/

Police Department: Approval required before business tax certificate may be issued for certain business classifications, including, but not limited to: Alcoholic beverages, Sunday sales, Escort or Dating service, Gun sales, Pawn brokers, Loan or Mortgage brokers, Detective Agency or Security Guard Service, All transient merchant & peddlers, gold, and precious metal dealers, etc.

ALL Business Licenses Expire on December 31st.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX SCHEDULE

The business tax amounts (Includes a \$75 base tax) for the various brackets or ranges of gross receipts in each profitability class are shown below: If renewed after March 1st, include late fee.

Business Tax by Profitability Class A – F

Bracket	Base Rates Range in Dollars	A	В	C	D	E	F
		.00047	.00057	.00067	.00077	.00087	.00097
1	\$0 - \$30,000	\$82	\$84	\$85	\$86	\$88	\$89
	*LATE FEE	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
2	\$30,001 - \$100,000	105	112	118	125	131	138
	*LATE FEE	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
3	\$100,001 - \$200,000	145	160	175	190	205	220
	*LATE FEE	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
4	\$200,001 - \$300,000	192	217	242	267	292	317
	*LATE FEE	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$26.70	\$29.20	\$31.70
5	\$300,001 - \$500,000	263	303	343	383	423	463
	*LATE FEE	\$26.30	\$30.30	\$34.30	\$38.30	\$42.30	\$46.30
6	\$500,001 - \$750,000	368	431	493	556	618	681
	*LATE FEE	\$36.80	\$43.10	\$49.30	\$55.60	\$61.80	\$68.10
7	\$750,001 - \$1,000,000	486	574	661	748	836	875
	*LATE FEE	\$48.60	\$57.40	\$66.10	\$74.80	\$83.60	\$87.50
8	\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	780	930	1,080	1,230	1,380	1,530
	*LATE FEE	\$78	\$93	\$108	\$123	\$138	\$153
9	\$2,000,001 - \$3,000,000	1,250	1,500	1,725	2,000	2,250	2,500
	*LATE FEE	\$125	\$150	\$172.50	\$200	\$225	\$250
10	\$3,000,001 - \$4,000,000	1,720	2,070	2,420	2,770	3,120	3,470
	*LATE FEE	\$172	\$207	\$242	\$277	\$312	\$347
11	\$4,000,001 - \$5,000,000	2,190	2,640	3,090	3,540	3,990	4,440
	*LATE FEE	\$219	\$264	\$309	\$354	\$399	\$444
12	\$5,000,001 - \$6,000,000	2,660	3,210	3,760	4,310	4,860	5,410
	*LATE FEE	\$266	\$321	\$376	\$431	\$4860	\$541
13	\$6,000,001 - \$8,000,000	3,365	4,065	4,765	5,465	6,165	6,865
	*LATE FEE	\$336.50	\$406.50	\$476.50	\$546.50	\$616.50	\$686.50
14	\$8,000,001 - \$10,000,000	4,305	5,205	6,105	7,005	7,905	8,805
	*LATE FEE	\$430.50	\$520.50	\$610.50	\$700.50	\$790.50	\$880.50
15	\$10,000,001 and over	4,775	5,775	6,775	7,775	8,775	9,775
	*LATE FEE	\$477.50	\$577.50	\$677.50	\$777.50	\$877.50	\$977.50

^{*}Please note that any renewals received after the March 1st deadline will incur a late fee.

The late fee greater of \$25 or 10% of amount due is indicated in red.

Calculating License Fees

- New Businesses determine your gross receipt bracket by estimating the income for the coming Tax Year. The
 number to the left indicates the bracket number. Renewals: gross receipt is determined by the previous year's gross
 revenue.
- 2. Match the Tax Profitability class (A-F) shown on the Business Tax Renewal Form with the gross receipt bracket selected to determine fee.

Payments are received Monday - Friday from 8:00AM thru 4:00PM in the form of Cash, Check, Credit Card, or Money Order made payable to Chatham County (No cash accepted over \$150).

Renewals received after March 1st will be penalized by adding the greater of \$25 or 10% of amount due. Renewals must include current state license copies (where required) to be fully processed. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Business Tax Returns, accompanied by payments, can be mailed to Chatham County Building Safety and Regulatory Services, P.O. Box 8161, Savannah, GA 31412. https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/ click Licensing tab to print forms.

STATE LICENSE REQUIRED (A Few Examples)

Alarm Agency – State license & Fingerprint card

Architect

Attorney

Auctioneer

Automobile Dealer, Used

Automotive Parts Dealer, Used

Barber - Shop license & Individual Barber's license

Beautician - Shop license & Individual Cosmetologist License

Chiropractor

Contractor - Commercial & Residential

Contractor - Electrical, Electric Signs

Contractor - Low Voltage Alarm Systems

Contractor - Low Voltage Communications Systems

Contractor - Low Voltage Electrical, Unrestricted

Contractor - Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems

Contractor - Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning

Contractor - Plumbing

Contractor - Prefabricated Building Erection/Installation

Counseling Service - Personal

Counselor, Marriage, and Family

Day Care Center - Bright From the Start Certificate (SIC 8351, 8352, 8353, 8354)

Dentist

Exterminator, Pest Control Service

Funeral Director

Hair Salon – [Salon license & Tech. license]

Hearing Aid Dealer

Landscape Architect

Nail Salon – [Salon license & Tech. license]

Motor Vehicle Dealer

Polygraph Examiner

Physician -

Practitioners

Private Detective

Psychologist

Professionals, as defined by State law

Real Estate Agent (Broker) -

Security Agency – State license & fingerprint card

Therapist

Veterinarian

Warehouse (O.C.G.A. 10-4-10)

ALL agencies and individuals who are required by law to obtain a State license will **NOT** be issued a local license. A current State of Georgia license **MUST** be included with all new and renewal applications to obtain a Chatham County Business occupational Tax Certificate.

Flat Tax in Lieu of Reporting Profitability Ratio Bracket. Under State law, each person engaged in the practice of a profession as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-9 (c) (1)through (18); Such professional practitioners are as follows: attorney; physician; osteopath; chiropractor; podiatrist; dentist; optometrist; psychologist; veterinarian; landscape architect; marriage and family therapist, social worker, and professional counselor. If you are a professional practitioner who is eligible for this option, and if you and all members of your firm elect to pay the flat per- practitioner tax this year, check the block on this line and submit your \$400 tax payment. If this option is taken, each practicing professional in your firm must also submit a business tax return and pay the per-practitioner fee OR your firm may file one return, attach a list of practicing professionals, and pay a tax totaling \$400 per professional. If you and your firm elect to pay a business tax based on gross receipts; your firm must list all practitioners and attach the list to a single business tax return for the firm.



Notary Public Signature

Chatham County ~ Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services Occupational Tax Division ~ P.O. Box 8161, Savannah, GA 31412-8161 Physical Address: 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite D, Savannah GA 31406

Office: 912-201-4300 Fax 912-201-4301 https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/

O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(E)(2) Affidavit Verifying Status for County Public Benefit Application

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a Chatham County Georgia Business/Occupational Tax Certificate, Alcohol License, and Special Event as referred in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from the Department of Building Safety and Regulatory Services, the undersigned applicant verifies ONLY one of the following with respect to my application for public benefit:

 I am a United States citizen: or; I am a legal permanent resident I am a qualified alien or non-imm 	of the l			
Act with an alien number issued by the E agency. *My alien number issued by the immigration are not in	Departm he Depa	nent of Homela artment of Ho	and Security or other federal imm	igration r al
The undersigned applicant also hereby valuest one secure and verifiable document produced the secure and verifiable document produced (example: state issue)	nt, as re provide	quired by O.C d with this sta	.G.A. 50-36-1(e)(1), with this afficatement of facts can be classifi	davit.
In making the above representation under makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent striction of O.C.G.A. §16-10-20, and factorial striction of O.C.G.A.	stateme	nt or represer	ntation in an affidavit shall be gu	uilty of a
I hereby declare under penalty of lying u	nder oa	th that the fore	egoing is true and correct.	
Executed on	_, 20	in	(City),	_ (State
Signature of Authorized Officer/Agent		Printed Na	ame of Authorized Officer/Agent	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this				
day of, 20	·		SEAL	
			My Commission expires:	



Please check only one:

Chatham County ~ Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services Occupational Tax Division ~ P.O. Box 8161, Savannah, GA 31412-8161 Physical Address: 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite D, Savannah GA 31406

Office: 912-201-4300 Fax 912-201-4301 https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/

Private Employer Affidavit of Compliance Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6(d)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned private employer verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation employs **more than ten (10)** and has registered with and utilizes the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any approved subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-90. Furthermore, the undersigned private employer hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

On January 1st of the corporation employed.			the individual, firm, or employees. (EXEMPT)	
On January 1st of the employed more than terms.			, the individual, firm, or corporation	
Name of Private Employer (Business Name	ne as Adve	ertise)	-	
Date of Authorization				
Federal Work Authorization User Identifica *This is NOT your Federal Tax Identification Number				
I hereby declare under penalty of lying	under oa	ath that the f	foregoing is true and correct.	
Executed on	, 20	in	(City),	_ (State)
Signature of Authorized Officer/Agent		Printed	Name of Authorized Officer/Agent	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this	s			
, 20_			SEAL	
Notony Dublic Signature			My Commission expires:	
Notary Public Signature				



Chatham County ~ Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services
Occupational Tax Division ~ P.O. Box 8161, Savannah, GA 31412-8161
Physical Address: 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite D, Savannah GA 31406
Office: 912-201-4300 | Fax 912-201-4301 | Website: https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/

Homeowner's Affidavit

On this	day of		, 20	_, first being	duly sworn, I,
(Delet Applicant)			, agree with this aft	idavit, relatir	ng to the business of:
(Print Applicant's Na					
(Business Name)			P.I.N:		
Business Loc		ical Street Address)	City:	ST:	Zip:
2-28, Home than 25% of tusing only sproducts or slarger than a Only Home allowed. The above refere	Occupation, which so the gross livable are uch equipment as is signs, and, having notified a few partials. The contract of the	states "an occupa a of the dwelling, o is customarily fou o on-site storage r stored at the abo s identified in Sec onducted without o iation from the pe	tion carried on with employing only fam and in the home, in of related supplies, ove location." ction 2-28 of the Coustomers or employerimeters of a perr	in a dwelling ily members nvolving no materials, no ounty Zoning byees cominited home	g Ordinance, Section , occupying no more residing in the home, display of articles or nachinery or vehicles g Ordinance shall be g and going from the occupation or home d with the use and its
NO	MATERIALS FOR	THIS BUSINESS	WILL BE STORE	D AT THIS L	OCATION.
		Signat	ure of Applying Appli	cant	
Sworn to and	subscribed before r	ne this			
day	of	, 20		SEAL	
				My Commiss	sion expires:
Notary Public	Signature				



Chatham County ~ Department of Building Safety & Regulatory Services Occupational Tax Division ~ P.O. Box 8161, Savannah, GA 31412-8161 Physical Address: 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite D, Savannah GA 31406

Office: 912-201-4300 Fax 912-201-4301 Website: https://buildingsafety.chathamcountyga.gov/

Request for Waiver of Fees

A waiver of fees is typically granted only to non-profit organizations that are defined as organizations that are classified as non-profit by the federal Internal Revenue Service and are exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Service regulations. Churches are considered non-profit by the Internal Revenue Service, and thus qualify for a waiver. Exemption from registration and payment of business taxes does not exempt any such business from compliance with Chatham County's zoning, building code and other regulations. Any exemption granted shall be subject to revocation if any said organization should fail to maintain its tax-exempt status.

1.	Name of Applicant:	Phone	e		
Нс	ome Address:	City:	St:	Zip:	
En	nail:				
2.	Name Organization/Corporation:				
Ad	ldress:	City:	St:	Zip:	
Bu	siness Phone:	Email:			
3.	List your title, office, or position of authority with	in this group:			
4.	Explain the activity related to this Request for W	/aiver Fees:			
l h	Do you have an active tax-exempt status? ereby affirm that the statements made herein prose exists in giving this information.				lent
Się	gnature of Applicant	 Date			
***	**************************************	**************************************	*******	*******	***
Th	is request for Waiver of Fees has been: ☐ Ap	proved Denied			
Re	eason for denial:				
C	ounty Representative:	 Date:			