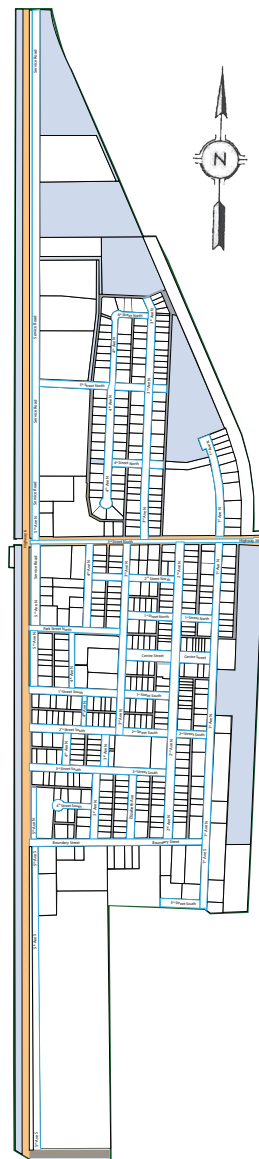


What are the consequences if I operate a business without a valid business licence?

Being out of compliance by not having the proper business licences, permits and registrations can leave the business (and its owners) with expensive fines, fees, penalties and could put the business at an operating risk, exposing the business owner to personal liabilities and liens.

Are there other consequences I should consider?

If you conduct business without a licence, and a customer decides he is not pleased with the product or service offered him, he can sue in small claims court, using fraud as one reason for the lawsuit. The fact is, doing business without a licence is a fraudulent act.



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Naicam Business Guide



Who should obtain a business licence?

Any person, association, corporation, or other entity engaged in an occupation, trade, profession or other activity performed in the Town of Naicam. This includes all homebased businesses, home offices, retail and commercial establishments, management and professional firms, bed and breakfasts, independent contractors as well as subcontractors.

What are the benefits for a business owner when a business licence is obtained?

- It is a good investment, relatively inexpensive and can be used as a tax write-off.
- It can protect its owners against certain types of liability.
- It shows your customers that you are a legitimate business that complies with local laws and regulations.
- It offers validation and gives you the documentation necessary to apply for a business bank account and/or business loans if needed.
- It includes being advertised in the Business Directory and the Town's website.
- It provides sponsorship opportunities.

How does business licensing benefit my community?

- It provides a fair environment for all businesses operating in the Town of Naicam.
- It provides a registration system where a community can track its economic development and businesses can use the registry as a resource for business planning.
- It allows the Town to work closely with the Provincial Government to track businesses that may require additional regulations.
- It ensures that public health and safety regulations are addressed by businesses when the public has access.
- When combined with the development approval process, it ensures that building codes have been adhered to and zoning and other restrictions have been enforced.

What if I don't live in Naicam?

When a business operates within Naicam, and/or provides services or products to businesses or residents of Naicam, but is located in another community, the business still needs a licence. This ensures that the business pays for the use of municipal roads and services, and provides a fair environment for all businesses.

Which businesses are exempt from licence requirements?

Very few businesses are exempt. Some occupations and professions are exempt because they are regulated by provincial or federal legislation. In most cases, exempt businesses still require a development permit to ensure their business activity is allowed at a particular location.

A community volunteer group registered with the Town Office or a registered non-profit organization conducting business or fundraising may also be exempt from licensing requirements. Please contact the Municipal Office to confirm your status.

Regulations

Businesses in Naicam are regulated by the Zoning Bylaw #3/85, and the Business Licensing Bylaw #1-2016.

Business are required to operate within all federal, provincial and municipal statutes, legislation and regulations.

No person shall carry on any business in the Town without a licence.

If a business is carried on at more than one location, a person must obtain a licence for each location.

A licence issued under this Bylaw (and the window sticker) must be displayed in a prominent place at the place of business for which the licence was issued.