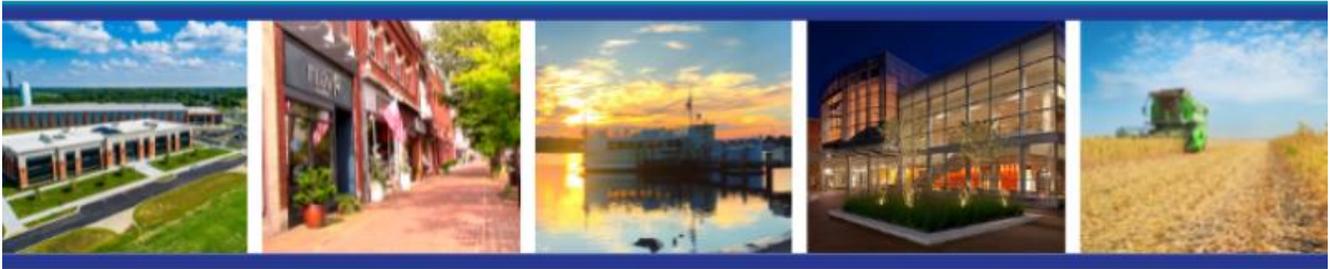




Economic and Tourism Development



Business License Made Easy

Anyone opening a business in Kent County must insure they have the proper Business Licenses.

A Business License is required for most retail and wholesale businesses in the State of Maryland. Retailers and wholesalers include but are not limited to amusements, auction, chain stores, construction, dry cleaners, garages, hawkers and peddlers, junk dealers, plumbers and gas fitters, restaurants, storage warehouses, vending machines and retail/vending businesses which sell cigarettes.

There are many types of Business Licenses. You may need a Trader's License, Storage Warehouse License, Vending Machine License, Peddler's License, Construction License, Transient Vendor License, or an Exhibitor's Affidavit.

Ensuring you get the proper Business License is easy, just call Kent County Clerk of the Circuit Court at 410-778-7460.

If your business will be operated out of your home, you will need to call Kent County Planning and Zoning Office for the proper regulations and use permits at 410-778-7423. Kent County Planning and Zoning Office does handle the use permits for Rock Hall. However, if you are located within town limits elsewhere you will need to call the town in which you reside; Betterton 410-348-5522, Chestertown 410-778-0500, Galena 410-648-5151, or Millington 410-928-3880 for local regulations and use permits.

Additional Licenses may be needed at the state level you can check it out by clicking on [Business License Made Easy-Maryland](#).

If your business owns, leases, or uses personal property in Maryland and/or maintains a trader's license with a local unit of government in Maryland, a [personal property tax return](#) is also required.