

SIKESTON

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OPENING A BUSINESS IN

Sikeston, MO

Welcome!

Sikeston is a great place to start a business—and having a roadmap makes all the difference! The Sikeston Chamber is here to help point you in the right direction. From business licensing and local contacts to marketing opportunities

and community support, we can connect you with the resources you need for a smooth start.

Have questions? Not sure where to begin? Use this guide to help you along the process.

CITY OF SIKESTON

573-471-2512; www.sikeston.org

- **Zoning Approval**, 573-475-3743 – Before opening a business, make sure your location is zoned for the intended use. View “zoning” on the City’s website to find out.
- **Building Permit**, 573-475-3743 - Required for new construction or renovations. Applications are available on the City’s website under “building permits”.
- **Business License**, 573-471-2193 - Apply through the Collector’s Office. Applications are available on the City’s website under “business forms & applications”.
- **Signage Permit**, 573-475-3743 - All business signs (permanent and temporary) must be approved before installation. Find an application on the City’s website under “business forms & applications.”
- **Fire Marshall Inspection**, 573-475-3760 - A fire marshal inspection is a requirement for businesses to ensure fire safety and compliance with the fire code.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Scott County Health Department: 573-471-4044

New Madrid County Health Department: (573) 748-5541

- **Health Permit** – If you are serving food or drink, you will need to apply through your county.

STATE OF MISSOURI

Office of the Secretary: 866-223-6535; www.sos.mo.gov

- **Register Business Name** - Required if you’re using anything other than your legal name.
- **Retail Sales License** (*If selling products*) - Apply through the Missouri Department of Revenue.

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UTILITIES

- **Water/Electric** Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities 573-471-3328
- **Gas** Liberty Utilities 855-872-3242
- **High Speed Internet** GoSemo Fiber 573-321-9203 / Spectrum 866-874-2389 / AT&T 573-472-6367
- **Trash Pick Up** Sonny's Solid Waste, Inc 573-471-2869
- **Mail** apply for mail service with USPS 573-471-5231

BEYOND THE BASICS

- **Networking** Join the Sikeston Chamber of Commerce - Sikeston.net / 573-471-2498
- **Development** Contact the Missouri Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for additional support and resources - missouribusiness.net / 573-651-5156

NEW TO THE AREA?

Our **Relocation Guide** is designed to help you feel at home in Sikeston. Inside, you'll find helpful details on local schools, healthcare, community events, and much more. This guide is your go-to resource for life in Sikeston, find it at Sikeston.net or at The Sikeston Post, 215 N New Madrid St., Sikeston, MO.

As you establish your business in Sikeston, know that the Chamber is here to help you navigate the local landscape. From connecting you with key contacts to helping you understand the resources available, our goal is to foster economic growth, member development and regional community engagement.

We're proud of the welcoming, hard-working spirit that defines our community—and we're excited to see your business become part of it. Please don't hesitate to reach out—we're glad you're here!

Taylor Deere, Chamber Director
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Tourism

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