

6 Steps

to doing business in
Valdese

Step 1: Business Planning



The first step to becoming a successful business owner is completing a business plan. The following providers will work with you in preparing your plan.

Small Business Association: 828-255-1884 www.sba.gov
 WPCC Small Business Center: 828-448-6719
 Olive Hill Economics Development Corporation: ohedc.org

Step 2: Business Financing

Critical to business success is having enough money to stay in business until your company is profitable. Facade Grants are available through the Valdese Community Affairs Department. Check local banks or with alternative lending organizations listed below:

VEDIC: 828-874-6731 www.vedic28690.com
 Valdese Community Affairs: 828-879-2129



Step 3: Business Locations/Zoning



Where your business will be located will affect the steps to take with respect to zoning.

Valdese Planning Director: Larry Johnson 828.879.2129

Step 4: Building Permits/Inspections

Consult with Valdese Planning Department to see if permits and/or inspections are required.

Valdese Planning Director: Larry Johnson
 828-879-2124
 B.C. Community Development & Inspections:
 828-764-9000



Step 5: Food Services



Businesses serving food: restaurants, hotels, catering, food vendors, daycares, summer camps, and bed and breakfasts require a health permit. Permits are issued through Burke County.

Burke County Environmental Health Office:
 828-438-5430
 NC Alcohol Beverage Control Commission :
 919-779-2124

Step 6: Business Signage

View the signage ordinance at townofvaldese.com and contact the Valdese Planning Department for further explanation and permitting information.

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Resources

Town of Valdese
 828-879-2120

Valdese Public Works
 828-879-2128

Valdese Fire Marshal
 828-879-2103

VEDIC
 828-874-6731

Valdese Merchants Association
 828-879-2129

Burke County Chamber of Commerce
 828-437-3021

WPCC Small Business Center
 828-448-6719

Morganton News Herald
 828-430-0174

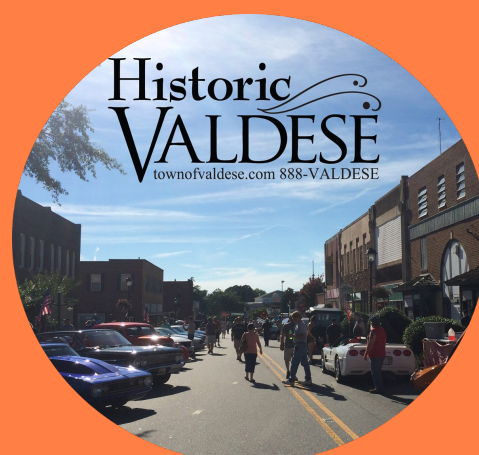
Preparing for Success

Downtown Valdese is a great environment in which to do business! Prior to leasing or purchasing a building, be sure to check:

Permits: Obtain all necessary permits prior to opening your business.

Signage: A sign permit is required prior to installing an outdoor sign.

Parking: Be sure to evaluate the parking needs for customers & employees



Change of Use: If changing from one activity to another (like retail shop to restaurant), your space may require major renovation to meet planning, building and fire codes. Examples include adding additional restrooms, handicap access, sprinklers, and other improvements. Proper permits need to be obtained for any such improvements.

Trash Removal : The Town of Valdese will provide trash pickup for commercial businesses for a nominal fee.