

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

GILA COUNTY DOES NOT REQUIRE OR ISSUE BUSINESS LICENSES

However, new businesses being established in existing buildings are subject to the following regulations:

Per the 2012 International Building Code, no building shall be used or occupied and no change made in the use of the building until a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the Building Official. Also, the Code prohibits changes to the use of an existing building unless it is brought into compliance with the requirements for the new use.

Any remodeling required to bring a new business into compliance must be permitted and inspected. In addition, the proposed use must comply with the Gila County Zoning Ordinance as it applies to the types of uses allowed in each individual Zoning District. Zoning also regulates the types and sizes of signs that will be allowed.

Businesses must also comply with state and federal regulations in regards to Handicap Accessibility.

Other agencies whose approval may be required and some of their areas of concern are:

Gila County Wastewater Department (septic and waste handling)
Gila County Health Department (food handling and service)
Gila County Engineering (grading, drainage, floodplain, right-of-way permits)
Fire Department or Fire Marshall (fire safety, exiting, storage of flammables)
Utility Companies (electric, water, gas, sewer)
Arizona Department of Transportation (state highway turnouts)
Arizona Department of Health Services (adult/disabled foster care)

Please call Gila County Community Development for assistance *prior* to establishing your business. We would be happy to help you through the process. Failure to call could result in delays of approvals needed to operate.

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