

Starting Your Business in Hastings

Dear Entrepreneur:

Welcome and thank you for bringing your valuable business to Hastings! We value how much time, talent and financial investment you have brought to this process in choosing Hastings. We are very excited about the opportunities you will find in our great community and look forward to meeting your business needs. We are proud to support our local businesses and share in your desire to succeed!

Congratulations on a successful venture!

Sincerely,

Paul J Hicks, Mayor
City of Hastings

Frequently Asked Questions

I've Got a GREAT Idea for a New Business...What Do I Do Next?

Starting a business is exciting and challenging. Launching a business involves many important steps. The Minnesota Department of Economic Development (DEED) offers answers to many questions from business organization to writing a business plan at their [website](#).

How About Financial Incentives?

HEDRA offers various assistance programs to promote economic success. Land for a DOLLAR can be acquired in the Hastings Business and Industrial Park. Rehabilitation loan programs are available for existing buildings. Tax Increment Financing is also available within the Downtown and Vermillion Street Corridor areas. Check out our [Business Resources](#) for further information. Please contact Community Development Director, [John Hinzman](#) at 651-480-2378 with any questions.

Where Can I Locate My Business?

Most retail and office businesses can locate in any of the City's commercial zoning districts including Downtown, Vermillion Street, and Highway 55. For specific zoning questions, please contact the [Community Development Department](#) at 651-480-2350.

How Do I Find Available Space?

Business space can be found through a commercial realtor or by simply checking out available space signs on commercial buildings. HEDRA also maintains a [commercial vacancy list](#) on the City of Hastings website.

I've Found Space, What's Next?

A business license is required for all new operations. The one-time \$50 permit includes an inspection of the facility by building and fire inspectors. Some businesses may require additional permits. Please contact the [Community Development Department](#) at 651-480-2350 with any questions or to schedule and inspection.

I Need to Make Changes to my Building Space...

Hastings Building Inspectors are glad to meet with you to discuss any building changes or code issues. Appointments can be made at any time, even prior to building purchase or signing of a lease. Common items reviewed include handicapped accessibility, bathrooms, utility needs, and any additional sewer or water access charges. Please contact the [Building Department](#) at 651-480-2340.

My Building is Historic, What do I Need to Know?

Exterior remodeling of historic buildings are subject to review by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). Please contact HPC staff representative [Justin Fortney](#) at 651-480-2381 with any questions.

I Need to install Building Signage, Is a Permit Required?

Any changes to permanent exterior signs require a [sign permit](#) from the City of Hastings. Temporary signs and banners can be placed without a permit for up to 90 calendar days per year. Please contact the [Community Development Department](#) at 651-480-2350 with any questions.

How about New Construction or Building an Addition to an Existing Building?

New construction and building additions require [Site Plan](#) approval by the Planning Commission and City Council. Development concepts and plans can be informally reviewed at any time. Please contact the [Community Development Department](#) at 651-480-2350 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

How Can I Connect With Other Businesses?

The [Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce](#) is a great resource to connect with other Hastings businesses. Please contact [Michelle Jacobs](#) at 651-437-6775 for further information.

I Still Have Questions...

Please contact Community Development Director, [John Hinzman](#) at 651-480-2378.