



# DALLAS B.R.A.I.N.

BUSINESS RESOURCE AND INFORMATION NETWORK

## Registration, Tax and Regulation Checklist

The City of Dallas has no general business license, but you need to comply with City regulations and state and federal laws. It is essential that you consult with an attorney during this process to make wise long-term decisions and keep your business out of trouble.

Choose your business form, pick a business name and register it:

- Sole proprietorship,  partnership (general or limited),  corporation, or  limited liability company (LLC)  
(The legal form of business you choose has important tax consequences.)
- Check with the county and state and a website domain registrar to see if you can use the name you want.

If you choose to be a sole proprietorship or general partnership file an Assumed Name Certificate with the county clerk:

Dallas County: [http://www.dallascounty.org/department/countyclerk/asmdname\\_procedures.php](http://www.dallascounty.org/department/countyclerk/asmdname_procedures.php)  
Collin County: [http://www.collincountytx.gov/county\\_clerk/assumed\\_names/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.collincountytx.gov/county_clerk/assumed_names/Pages/default.aspx)  
Denton County: <http://dentoncounty.com/Departments/County-Clerk/Assumed-Names.aspx>

If you choose another business form, register with the Secretary of State:  
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/index.shtml>

Business name: ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

- Research and choose a business location.

The City's economic research page has a wealth of information on local markets:  
<http://www.dallas-ecodev.org/resources/>

Property zoning information is at: <http://maps.dallascityhall.com/>

- Tax Registration. You need to register with state and federal tax authorities.

Federal tax ID number: <https://irs-tax-id.com/> and record it here: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

State sales tax number: <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxpermit/> and record it here: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).

If your business owns tangible personal property (inventory, equipment, machinery) used to produce income, you must report that on a rendition form to the County appraisal district:  
<http://www.dallascad.org/forms.aspx>:

General Dallas County Tax Info:  
[http://www.dallascounty.org/applications/english/proptax\\_app/tax\\_intro.php](http://www.dallascounty.org/applications/english/proptax_app/tax_intro.php)