



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A RESTAURANT

- 1) The proposed location must comply with the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance. You must schedule an appointment with the Zoning Specialist in order to obtain approval.
- 2) Complete all necessary applications for obtaining a Common Victualer's License from the License Commission.
- 3) If any type of renovation or repair work is to be done, the necessary permits must be taken out, i.e., building, plumbing, electrical, gas fitting, etc... When required, work to be performed must be done by licensed persons.
- 4) When required, a Certificate of Occupancy must be obtained in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code (MSBC) and the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance.
- 5) When required, a Certificate of Inspection must be obtained in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code. (MSBC)
- 6) A plan must be submitted to be kept for a permanent record in the Inspectional Services Department. (SEE ARTICLE (X) STATE SANITARY CODE)
- 7) In conjunction with the above-mentioned permits, the Environmental Health Division prior to opening the food establishment must grant a Food Handler's permit. (SEE ARTICLE (X) STATE SANITARY CODE)
- 8) If applicable, a Milk License/and or Frozen Desert License must be obtained.

For additional information, see the following Laws and/or regulations:

- A) Cambridge Zoning Ordinance (Sold in City Clerk's Office)
- B) MSBC (Boston State House Book Store)
- C) Mass Electrical Code
- D) Mass Plumbing/Gas Code
- E) Mass Architectural Access Board
- F) State Sanitary Code