

ZONING AND
SIGN
INFORMATION
FOR NEW
BUSINESS

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Welcome to Punta Gorda!

The City of Punta Gorda and staff of the Urban Design Division welcome you and your new business to our city. Prior to opening your new business, we would like to take the time to give you an overview of regulations regarding zoning, signs, flags and banners.

Before you sign that lease or close on that property please contact the Zoning Division at (941)575-3314 to ensure that the location you have chosen is correctly zoned for that use.

Information on the Zoning Districts and permitted uses is available at the City's website, www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us. You may access the information by going to City Clerk, City Code of Ordinances and then Chapter 26 Zoning and Land Development Regulations—go to Article 3 for the regulating districts. If after reviewing and you are still unsure, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Signs

All signs require a permit even a simple face change or window graphics.

Signs are regulated by type of sign as well as the zoning district in which the business is located. The Sign Code is available online at ci.punta-gorda.fl.us—go to City Clerk, City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26 Zoning and Land Development Regulations, Article 11 Sign Standards. If after reviewing you have questions, please contact the Zoning Division at (941)575-3314.

Sign permit fees are a flat rate of \$100.00. The sign permit application may be obtained at the Building Division front desk or by accessing online at www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us, building, building forms, building permit application.

Please note that a change of use and/or a change of owner of the property, will require any “non-conforming” signs be removed and replaced.

If it is a change of use of the property, please check with the Zoning Division to see if any additional impact fees will be assessed.

Flags and Banners

A great deal of businesses want to advertise the fact that they are new in town and “OPEN”. The City of Punta Gorda has regulations regarding “open” flags and banners. Chapter 26, Article 11, Section 11.3 (f) states in part: No flag on a lot may bear a commercial message except—one (1) banner or flag per building, stating only the building or business name and the word “Open”.

Such flag or banner shall be no greater than five (5) square feet in total area.

The flag or banner may only be displayed during business hours.

The flag or banner must be attached to the building or placed within five (5) feet of the main building entrance.

The height of such flag or banner shall not extend above the height of the wall from which the flag or banner projects.

If the flag or banner is placed in the ground in front of the building or business, it may not exceed five (5) feet in height.

The banner or flag must be maintained without missing letters, fading or being tattered or torn.

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Business Events

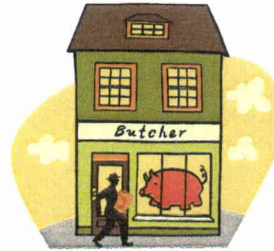
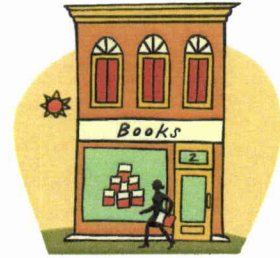
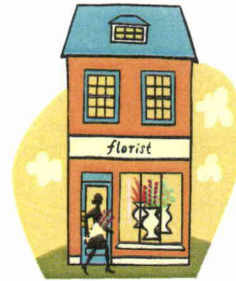
A no-charge zoning permit for a Grand Opening banner may be obtained while permanent signage is being permitted. The banner must not exceed 32 square feet in area and remain on the business property. The permit is valid for 60 days from the date of issue.

A Temporary Promotional Event means an inside or outside exhibition or sale for which a no-charge zoning permit is issued by the Zoning Division. A permit may be issued for a single event, a recurring event or continuing event. Limited temporary signage may be approved for an event with time limitations.

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Businesses with outdoor tables and chairs require an outdoor dining permit application. Please contact the Zoning Division for further details.



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