

RTS ACCOUNT #: \_\_\_\_\_

B&O: Yes / No

CSF: Yes / No

BL: Yes / No

License Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Penalty: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

City Official Use Only

## BUSINESS REGISTRATION

City of Charleston  
915 Quarrier St., Suite 4  
Charleston, WV 25301  
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**IMPORTANT:** This is a four page application. All applicable questions must be answered in order to properly classify business activities. Incomplete forms will delay processing of your application.

### Section I. General Information:

1. Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. DBA: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Federal Employer ID/Social Security Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Physical Address of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

5. City \_\_\_\_\_ 6. State \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

8. Physical Location Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

12. City \_\_\_\_\_ 13. State \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

15. Ownership Type:

\_\_\_\_\_ Proprietorship \_\_\_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
(Include copy of 501 (3) (c))

16. Description of Business \_\_\_\_\_

17. Date Business Began Operation in Charleston \_\_\_\_\_

18. Do you have an employee(s) working out of their home that is located within the city limits of Charleston? Yes / No

If you answered yes to question # 18, please provide a description of the employee(s) job duties: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

19. Does this business own the property on which it is located? Yes / No

If not, who is the owner? \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's address \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's phone ## \_\_\_\_\_

20. Does your business contain vending machines? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, who is the owner and their address?

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*If you answer **YES to Any** of the questions below **complete Pages 1-4** of this application\*\*\*\*\*  
 If you answer **NO to All** of the questions below only **complete Pages 1 & 2**

21. Do you have a physical location in Charleston? Yes / No

22. Will you set-up a vending booth or bring in a motorized/non-motorized vending cart or vehicle in order to sell food or merchandise?: Yes / No

23. Is this a Home Based Business: Yes / No **Home Based Business-** A business that is operated out of a personal residence.

24. Do you own more than 1 rental unit in the City of Charleston? Yes / No If Yes, how many units: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a sheet listing all rental property that you own in the City of Charleston.**

List all principle officers, proprietors, partners or any individual owning more than 25% of the business:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy Act Statement**

Disclosure of a Social Security Number (SSN) to the City of Charleston is voluntary. If you do not wish to disclose your SSN, you may provide an alternative identification number. The City of Charleston solicits this information pursuant to West Virginia Code § 8-13-13 and the Charleston City Code. The City of Charleston will not disclose your SSN or any other information you provide to any other entity or party.

**Authorized Signature of Business:** By signing below, I do hereby certify and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information furnished in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Business Owner or Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Section II. Business License Category:** (Only complete this section if you answered yes to Question #10, Question #12 or if you own more than 1 rental unit in Charleston)

1. Select the appropriate license(s) for your business in **Part A**. All businesses with a storefront or a physical location within the City of Charleston are required to purchase a General Business License. Sales of beer or liquor, or street vending activities require an additional license. If your business intends to sell beer or liquor, you **must** attach a copy of your WV ABCC License. If your business desires to engage in street vending in the downtown central business district, you **must** provide Proof of Liability Insurance in the aggregate sum of \$500,000, adding the City as an additional insured, and you **must** enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement with the City. Please be aware street vending is only permitted in designated areas. See street vendor rules and regulations and street vendor map for details.

2. Complete **Part B** in its entirety. If your business intends to sell or serve prepared food, you **must** attach a copy of your Kanawha County Health Permit. If your business desires to purchase gold, silver or other precious metals, jewels or other products, you **must** comply with the requirements of §18-863 of the Charleston Municipal Code to report your purchases to the Charleston Police Department. If your business intends to conduct door-to-door sales or engage in home solicitation, a \$3,000 surety bond **must** be posted for **each** sales representative.

3. Sign and date the application in Part C.

**Part A:**

**General Business: (Prorated by quarter)**

**Liquor - Must attach valid WV ABCC License (Prorated by quarter)**

\_\_\_ **0. GENERAL BUSINESS (\$20.00)**

\_\_\_ 6. Private Club Less than 1000 members (\$500.00)

\_\_\_ 7. Private Club More than 1000 members (\$1,250.00)

\_\_\_ 8. Fraternal, Veterans or Non -Profit Social Clubs (375.00)

**Beer - Must attach valid WV ABCC License (Prorated by Quarter)**

\_\_\_ 1. Distributor (\$250.00)

\_\_\_ 2. Dispenser (\$100.00)

\_\_\_ 4. Class A Retail (\$100.00)

\_\_\_ 5. Class B Retail (\$15.00)

**Street Vending – Must provide Proof of Liability Insurance and enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement with the City. (Prorated by Quarter)**

\_\_\_ 9. Street Vending – Non Motorized Cart/Stand (\$20.00)

\_\_\_ 10. Street Vending – Motorized Vehicle (\$20.00)

**Part B:**

A. Does your business purchase gold, silver or other precious metals, jewels or products? Yes / No

**If yes, see City Code §18-863**

B. Does your business sell? **Beer:** Yes / No **Liquor:** Yes / No **If Yes, you Must attach your ABCC license**

C. Does your business sell or serve prepared food? Yes / No **If Yes, you Must attach a copy of your Kanawha County Health Permit**

D. Does your business conduct home solicitations or door-to-door sales? Yes / No

**If Yes, you Must post a \$3,000 surety bond for each sales representative.**

**Part C: Authorized Signature of Business:** By signing below, I do hereby certify and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information furnished in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Business Owner or Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Section III. Planning/Zoning & Property Certification:**

It is the responsibility of each applicant upon an **initial** application for a city business license/registration to first ascertain inspection and approval for occupancy of the premises from the Planning/Zoning, Building and Fire Departments. **The information in the box below is for a new business, an existing business with a new owner, or an existing business in a new location within the City of Charleston.**

**\*\*\*Do Not Write Inside This Box—For City Official Use Only\*\*\***

**TO BE COMPLETED BY: ZONING/PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**Phone Number: (304)348-8105**

- 1. Was the business location previously occupied?  Yes  No
- 2. Is the proposed business a continuation of that previous type of business?  Yes  No
- 3. Has the applicant confirmed the zoning of this location?  Yes  No
- 4. Does this business conform to the current zoning code?  Yes  No
- 5. What is the Zoning District of this proposed business: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Applicable Section of the Zoning Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Has the Planning Office approved the proposed business?  Yes  No

If no, the reasons are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Planning Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY: BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**PHONE NUMBER: (304)348-6833**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**PHONE NUMBER: (304)348-8058**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fire Department Official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_