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Vibrant Downtown Stockton Marina and the Port of Stockton connect the city with the Bay Area.

On the cover, Downtown Stockton Waterfront.
The City of Stockton Economic Development Department’s core objectives are to increase private investment, create additional jobs, and retain and attract business throughout Stockton. The Department will also assist you through the process of starting, relocating, or expanding your business within the City of Stockton, and we are dedicated to ensuring your project is up and running as quickly as possible. Through various programs the City offers, we strive to help you maintain a healthy business environment. Along with our partners, we look forward to assisting you with all of your business needs.

The City of Stockton is committed to maintaining a business friendly atmosphere and will work to help expedite your project. Your business is important to our community, and there are many resources throughout our City available to help you. The City’s professional Economic Development staff is ready and willing to assist you in any way possible, whether it is helping locate a suitable site for your business or assisting you in the permit process. The City of Stockton also offers programs to assist you with financial resources through grants or loans, 24-hour access assistance through our website, and participation through our Economic Review Committee meetings to provide information for permitting and regulations to start your business.

Delta College’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC) works closely with the City of Stockton to assist new and existing businesses with financial, marketing, production, organization, and technical issues. The staff, consultants, and volunteers provide up-to-date consulting, training, and research assistance in all aspects of business management and start-up. The SBDC also serves as a resource center, providing information and referrals for small business owners.

This Business Resource Guide identifies 10 helpful steps you should consider to begin your business venture in the City of Stockton. It is a useful resource to help you start, expand, or sustain your investment in our City.

Thank you for choosing Stockton!
Getting started

To run a successful business, you need to learn about your customers, your competitors, and your industry. You will need knowledge and skills in many different aspects of business. Starting a business involves planning and preparation. Putting ideas into action, financial decisions, and legal activities are only a few of the key decisions you must make. Following these steps will help guide you in the right direction for a smooth beginning to a successful future.
Market research can prove invaluable in determining your idea’s potential. Spend some time researching your business ideas. Hours spent gathering information at the beginning of your venture will save you time and money. A visit to the library, searching online, researching market size, and your competition can be extremely valuable. Creating a list of questions that you need to answer in your research will be helpful. Here are some local resources to take advantage of when conducting research for your business:

City of Stockton Economic Development Department:
The Economic Development Department attracts new businesses to the City and assists in business success. Our professional, easy-to-work-with staff offers concierge service to the local business community, as well as businesses looking to relocate in Stockton.

(209) 937-8539 or www.stocktonca.gov/econdev

Local Libraries:
The Library offers many ways to do research in the various branch locations. Databases are like electronic books or magazines. Once you are logged in and using a database, you have access to literally millions of full-text articles.

(866) 805-READ (7323) or www.ssjcpl.org

Northeastern California Small Business Development Center San Joaquin Delta College (SBDC):
The SBDC offers assistance to existing and prospective small business owners. The SBDC provides free consulting and free or low-cost training to small businesses.

(209) 954-5089 or www.sbdc.deltacollege.edu

San Joaquin Partnership:
The San Joaquin Partnership is a private, non-profit economic development corporation serving all of San Joaquin County, California. The Partnership recruits and assists businesses to locate and/or expand throughout San Joaquin County.

(209) 956-3380 or www.sanjoaquinusa.org

Score:
A non-profit organization which helps maintain the growth of small businesses. These efforts are made through mentoring, tools, counseling, and workshops.

(209) 946-6293 or www.score.org
FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

Sufficient capital is essential for start-up and expansion of a business. In fact, inadequate financing is one of the major causes of business failure. When starting a business, it is good to have enough capital to continue operations until your business becomes profitable. This will allow you to minimize your risks while establishing your business. The following is a list of local agencies with loan programs. For further information on Financial Resources, please contact the Small Business Development Center at (209) 954-5089.

City of Stockton-Economic Development Department Micro Loan Program

Business loans up to $30,000 with interest starting at the current prime rate, plus 2%, and a maximum loan term of five years. Funds may be used for operating capital, furniture, fixtures, equipment, manufacturing equipment, and minor rehabilitation.

(209) 937-8539 www.stocktonca.gov/econdev

San Joaquin County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The Revolving Loan Fund offers financing up to $1 million through the San Joaquin County WorkNet’s Business Finance Services Division. Loans are available to companies located in, or considering expansion in, San Joaquin County and are intended to create or retain jobs.

(209) 468-3615 www.sjcworknet.org/bus-financing.asp

Downtown Stockton Enterprise Loan Fund (DSELF)

The DSELF is a partnership of the Downtown Stockton Alliance, Small Business Development Center, SJC Revolving Loan Fund, and participating lenders. Loans are available for existing or potential businesses located in Downtown Stockton. Financing is available from $5,000-$50,000.

(209) 464-5246 www.downtownstockton.org/stockton_business_resources.php#dself
Thorough planning and preparation will help improve your chances of success. Creating a business plan will help to evaluate your needs and will reduce the risks commonly associated with starting a new business. A business plan also serves as a guide, mapping out how you will start and run your business successfully.

San Joaquin Delta College’s Small Business Development Center can assist you at various levels. Take advantage of free or low-cost training and counseling services such as preparing a business plan and securing financing. Through low-cost or free training, the SBDC assists existing and new businesses to learn new business skills, strengthen their businesses, and be prepared for a successful start-up.

For assistance with assessing your needs, contact the San Joaquin Delta College Small Business Development Center at (209) 954-5089 or visit their website at www.sbdc.deltacollege.edu.
Choosing a Good Business Name

A fun step is choosing your business name. However, you must keep in mind your business name represents your brand identity and it should be properly registered and protected. Here are a few things to consider as you choose a good name:

• How will your name look? – As part of a logo, on social media, or searchable online.

• What connotations does it evoke? – Is your name too official or too casual? Does your name reflect your business? Does it appeal and relate to your market?

• Is it unique? – You should consider choosing a name that is not already used by others. Conduct a quick web search to determine if your name has an existing presence.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES:

If you give your business a name other than your own last name, you must file a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the San Joaquin County Recorder at (209) 468-3939 or visit www.co.san-joaquin.ca.us/recorder to download a statement form.

Inside of a store on Miracle Mile, Pacific Avenue.
Choosing a Good Location for your Business

Choosing a business location is perhaps the most important decision a small business owner or start-up will make, so it requires precise planning and research. It involves looking at demographics, assessing your supply chain, scrutinizing the competition, staying on budget, understanding state laws and taxes, and much more.

See Step 10 for more information on location and zoning.

Searching for a Property

The City of Stockton offers an online GIS program that allows you to search for properties in Stockton based on your specific needs. It also provides information about specific properties such as location (street map and aerial views), size, zoning, cost, and more. For assistance with locating a site, visit the City of Stockton’s site selection website at www.advantagestockton.com.
When starting a business, you must decide what form of business entity to establish. Your form of business (e.g., sole proprietorship, partnership, LLC) determines which income tax return form you have to file. Business structures affect your income taxes and levels of personal liability. If your business is established as a Corporation, S Corporation, Limited Liability Company, or Partnership, you must register with the Secretary of State.

The California Secretary of State’s office can also supply you with the forms and tools you need, including the Name Availability Unit, which will help find available corporate names for your business. For more information, call (916) 657-5448 or visit www.sos.ca.gov/business.
All businesses in California must fulfill their tax obligation with the State, Federal, and local government. If you are going to be in business, you will want to know what types of business taxes may apply (charts continue on next page).

**Chart 1 - Corporation or S Corporation**

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1120S (S corporation)  
Form 2553 (1st year only) |
| Estimated Tax | 1120-W (corporation only) |
| Employment Taxes:  
- Social Security and Medicare taxes and income tax withholding  
- Federal unemployment (FUTA) tax  
- Depositing Employment | 941 (943 for farm employees)  
940 or 940EZ  
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**Chart 2 - Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)**

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| Employment Taxes | 941 (943 for farm employees)  
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**Chart 3 - S Corporation Shareholders**

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### Chart 5 - Partnership (Partner)

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### Chart 6 - Partnership (Partner, individual, in a Partnership)

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Federal Tax Identification Number (Employer Tax I.D.)

A Federal Tax Identification Number is required for partnerships, corporations, LLC’s, and some sole proprietors. Please contact the Internal Revenue Service for more information about the Federal Identification Number or Employer Identification Number (EIN). To apply for an EIN you may go to the Internal Revenue Service website: sa.www4.irs.gov/modiein/individual/index.jsp.

Federal employee withholding requirements may also be obtained from the IRS.

State Employer Tax Identification Number

To obtain a State Employer Tax Identification Number and/or State employee withholding requirements, please contact the State of California Employment Development Department at (888) 745-3886 or visit www.edd.ca.gov.
Your business needs to be licensed to legally operate. Fortunately, getting a business license is neither expensive, nor time consuming. You will need to obtain a business license tax application with the City of Stockton. Home-based businesses, self-employed persons, and independent contractors are also required to have a business license. To pick up a City Business License Application contact the Administrative Services Department at (209) 937-8313.

For further information and business license applications please visit www.stocktonca.gov/government/departments/adminServices/blic.html

**Seller’s Permit (Resale Number)**

A Seller’s Permit is required if you intend to sell or lease merchandise ordinarily subject to sales tax. Both wholesalers and retailers must apply for a seller’s permit. To obtain a Seller’s Permit, please contact the State of California Board of Equalization or visit their website at www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.html.

**Non-Profit Organizations**

To apply for a City of Stockton non-profit license, your business must provide the following documents:

- A current Letter of Exemption (501c3), or letter of good standing from the Internal Revenue Service.
- A current tax exemption letter issued by the State of California Franchise Tax Board.
- A list of current board members.

**ABC Alcohol Permits and License**

Businesses that intend to sell alcoholic beverages must first obtain a liquor licence. To determine if a liquor license is available for your project, contact the Department of Alcoholic Beverage control (ABC).

For more information on permits and license, visit their website: www.abc.ca.gov/permits/permits.html.

**Air Quality Compliance**

Complying with air quality rules and regulations can be confusing for businesses in California. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is committed to improving the health and quality of life for all Valley residents through effective and cooperative air quality programs.

For more information regarding air regulations in the City of Stockton, please contact the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District at (209) 557-6400 or visit their website: www.valleyair.org.
CalGOLD

The CalGOLD database assists you in finding the appropriate permit information for your business. It also provides contact information for the agencies that administer and issue permits from all levels of government. The information identified is specific to the type of business and its location in California.

Visit their website for more information: www.calgold.ca.gov.
As an employer, you must consider multiple requirements as you hire employees. Perhaps your small business does not have a Human Resource Department; it is recommended that a staff member stay current on changes in human relations laws.

EMPLOYER RECORDS TO KEEP

When you hire employees there is information that you need to secure for your records. Here is a list of items you may need to obtain:

- New hires must complete Form I-9, Form W-4, and Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificates.
- Obtain new hires legal Name and Social Security Card to enter on Form W-2.

For more information, or computation and employee withholding regulations, please contact the Social Security Administration, at (877) 803-6314. If you choose to visit the local office, it is recommended you make an appointment online, www.ssa.gov. The address for the Social Security Administration is 4747 Feather River Drive, Stockton, CA 95219.

Some items that you should know:

- Employers are responsible to verify that each new employee is legally eligible to work in the United States.
- After the calendar year is over, you must furnish copies of Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, for each employee to whom you paid wages during the year.

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS

**U.S. Department of Labor**

The U.S. Department of Labor mandates that employers meet certain requirements. You have a legal, as well as a moral obligation to provide a safe working environment for your employees. For more information, visit the website for the US Department of Labor Services: www.dol.gov/dol/location.htm#CA

**OSHA**

OSHA stands for Occupation Safety and Health Administration. Employers have responsibilities under the Occupation Safety and Health Act of 1970. To obtain more information please visit: www.osha.gov/as/opa/worker/employer-responsibility.html
Workers’ Compensation

Workers’ Compensation Insurance is required for all businesses with employees. The California State Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) monitors the administration of workers’ compensation claims, and provides administrative and judicial services to assist in resolving disputes that arise in connection with claims for workers’ compensation benefits.

For more information call (209) 948-7759, visit their office at 31 East Channel Street, Room 344, or go to their website: www.dir.ca.gov/dwc.

State Compensation Insurance Fund

State Compensation Insurance Fund is available for businesses to obtain workers’ compensation insurance. State Fund’s purpose is to provide fairly priced workers’ compensation insurance, make workplaces safe, and restore injured workers.

For more information on State Compensation Fund, call (209) 476-2600, visit their office at 3247 W. March Lane, Stockton, CA 95219, or go to their website: www.statefundca.com.

Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement

For information on wage claims, minimum wage, hours, and working conditions please contact the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Standards Enforcement at (209) 941-1906 (general information line) or (209) 948-7771. The local office is located at 31 E. Channel Street, Rm. 317, Stockton, CA 95202. Please visit their website: www.dir.ca.gov/dlse.
There are numerous resources in our community to assist your business as you grow. In this step, resources are separated into three major categories:

**Financial Resources/Loans**

In this section you will find various grants and loan programs to improve the facade of buildings, fix code violations, and assist with small business financing needs.

**Marketing**

Included in this section will be various local Chambers of Commerce, which are voluntary membership organizations that provide a connection with a network of individuals, businesses, and professional associations working together for business opportunities.

**Management and Education Services**

You will find various private and public agencies working together to assist our community in successful business ventures by means of counseling, mentoring, workshops, and more. Together, these agencies unite to help maintain the growth and development of small businesses in the City of Stockton.
FINANCIAL RESOURCES/LOANS

City of Stockton
Economic Development Department
425 N. El Dorado Street
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 937-8539
www.stocktonca.gov/econdev

San Joaquin County Revolving Loan Fund
56 S. Lincoln Street
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 468-3615
www.sjcworknet.org
bus-financing.asp

Downtown Stockton Enterprise Loan Fund (DSELF)
125 Bridge Place, 3rd Floor
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 464-5246
www.downtownstockton.org
(under Work, Live, Invest)

Northeastern California Small Business Development Center
56 S. Lincoln Street, 2nd Floor
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 954-5089
sbdc.deltacollege.edu

San Joaquin County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)
Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce
445 West Weber Avenue, Suite 220
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 292-8428
www.greenteamsanjoaquin.com

Small Business Administration
Sacramento District Office
6501 Sylvan Road, Suite 100
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
(916) 735-1700
www.sba.gov/ca/sacramento

MARKETING

Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce
445 West Weber Avenue, Suite 220
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 547-2770
www.stocktonchamber.org

San Joaquin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
7500 West Lane, Suite 111
Stockton, CA 95210
(209) 943-6117
www.sjchispanicchamber.com

Central Valley Asian American Chamber of Commerce
5665 N. Pershing Avenue
Suite A1
Stockton, CA 95207
(209) 469-8860
www.facebook.com/CVACC

African American Chamber of Commerce of San Joaquin
42 N. Sutter Street
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 320-5564
sjaacc.wix.com/stockton

MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

Downtown Stockton Alliance
125 Bridge Place, 3rd Floor
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 464-5246
www.downtownstockton.org

Miracle Mile Improvement District
2540 Pacific Avenue
Stockton, CA 95204
(209) 948-6453
www.stocktonmiraclemile.com

Port of Stockton
2201 W. Washington Street
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 946-0246
www.portofstockton.com

MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION cont.

San Joaquin Partnership
2800 W March Lane
Suite 407
Stockton, CA 95219
(209) 956-3380
www.sjpartnership.org

San Joaquin Delta College
5151 Pacific Avenue
Stockton, CA 95207
(209) 954-5151
www.deltacollege.edu/

Pacific Gas and Electrical
3136 Boeing Way
Stockton, CA 95206
(800) 294-9912
www.pge.com

University of the Pacific
3601 Pacific Avenue
Stockton, CA 95211
(209) 946-2285
www.pacific.edu

Stockton SCORE Branch
445 W. Weber Avenue
Suite 137B
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 946-6293
www.score.org

State of California Employment Development Department
56 S. Lincoln Street
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 948-7862
www.edd.ca.gov

San Joaquin County WorkNet
56 S. Lincoln Street
Stockton, CA 95203
(209) 468-3500
www.sjcworknet.org
The City of Stockton offers numerous economic tools, development incentives, loan and grant programs to businesses interested in locating within our City. These programs include:

- Downtown Financial Incentive Program (DFIP)
- Economic Review Committee Meetings (ERC)
- Emergency Grant Program
- Facade Improvement Forgivable Loan Program
- Non-Residential Fee Deferral Program
- Local Business Preference Ordinance
- Residential Fee Reduction Program (Downtown only)
- Small Business Micro Loan Program
- Advantage Stockton
- Use Tax Business Incentive Program
- CaliforniaFIRST
- Figtree PACE Program
- California HERO PACE
- Ygrene Energy
- Statewide Community Infrastructure Program (SCIP)
- Office & Industrial Sales Tax Incentive Program

For more information on any of the above programs, please visit the City of Stockton’s website at www.stocktonca.gov/econdev.
Before finalizing any location plans or lease agreements, check with the City’s Planning Division staff at the Permit Center to see if the property is properly zoned for your type of business and verify if any special permits are required. Zoning regulations determine the types of uses/activities that may take place at a given property.

It is important to let the Permit Center staff know the exact type of business activities you will be conducting, the size of the building you will be using, what type of business was last located at your address, and when the last business vacated this location.

If you intend to make any building modifications, either for special machinery/equipment, for tenant improvements, or for more room, bring that up with the Permit Center staff so they can advise you accordingly. The Building and Fire Departments may need to inspect the location at a later date.

**What is a Change of Use and how does that affect my business?**

Change of Use is when the last user of a building carried on a particular activity or use and the new use of the building will be different. Typical examples include converting a building from a former retail use into a restaurant, or from a warehouse into a repair garage. Change of Use requires a review of the building and may trigger additional fees, building code and/or fire code compliance, and repair or installation of curb/gutter/sidewalk and/or additional off-site improvements.

For more information on zoning regulations, contact the Permit Center at (209) 937-8444 or visit [www.stocktonca.gov/Permit Center](http://www.stocktonca.gov/Permit Center).
Questions and Answers

What fees may be due?

With all new development, expansions, or changes of use, Public Facilities Fees, Water/Sewer Connection Fees, Area of Benefit Fees, Building Permit Fees, and/or Fire Department Permits may apply. Contact the City of Stockton’s Economic Development Division at (209) 937-8539 to arrange for an estimate of fees if you are unsure what fees or permits will be due.

Do I need a Building Permit?

If you are not changing the use of the building and you will not be making any building modifications, and if you will not be using specialized machinery, then you may not need a building permit. However, if you are making any tenant improvements or building modifications or are bringing in specialized machinery, then you may need a building permit. Contact the Building Division staff at the Permit Center at (209) 937-8561 for assistance in determining whether a building permit will be required. Don’t find out too late that you needed a permit!

What requirements will the Fire Department have?

Depending on the use and size of the facility, all or part of the building may need to have sprinklers. Fire wall separations may be required between different uses in the same building. Any combustible or hazardous materials use or storage requires permits and special handling. Contact the Fire Prevention staff at the Permit Center at (209) 937-8271 for assistance in determining whether a building permit will be required. Don’t find out too late that you needed a permit!

I am opening a restaurant. Are there issues that I should be concerned about?

Change of Use is a large issue with restaurants because they typically trigger additional sewer connection fees and other miscellaneous fees. Be sure to inform the Permit Center staff of the type of business previously occupied at your location. Most restaurants will also be required to have a grease interceptor (not a grease trap) installed, a commercial hood with an Ansul system (fire suppression) over the stove, and site inspections from the County Environmental Health Department and Fire Department. Contact the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department at (209) 468-3420 for their requirements.

What other requirements may apply?

Every business is different and needs to be looked at by each department on a case-by-case basis. However, the following is fairly universal:

- **Storm Water** – All construction projects must comply with the City of Stockton’s Grading and Erosion Control Ordinance. Manufacturing businesses that have raw materials exposed to storm water may be subject to City Storm Water regulations, as well as the regulations for storm water discharges imposed by the State on industrial activities. For more information, call (209) 937-8705.

- **Public Works** – Any change to the driveway(s) in terms of size, number, location, or addition of gates requires approval by the Public Works Department. A change of use or building permit may also trigger installation/repair of frontage improvements (curb, gutter, sidewalk, etc.). Call (209) 937-8411 for more information.

- **Disabled Access and Parking** – Building permits trigger Title 24 disabled accessibility issues and disabled parking requirements. Sufficient parking is required for all businesses, although certain uses require more spaces than others. Call (209) 937-8444 for more information.

- **Municipal Utilities** – Any business using grease or oil, or any type of food service or food processing business should contact Municipal Utilities at (209) 937-8700 for specific information.
Quick Reference Guide

City of Stockton, www.stocktonca.gov

Economic Development ............................................ (209) 937-8539
Business License ........................................................... (209) 937-8313
Community Development (general info) ................. (209) 937-8444
Planning ........................................................................ (209) 937-8266
Building & Life Safety ................................................... (209) 937-8561
Building Inspections ..................................................... (209) 937-8560
Engineering/Transportation ........................................ (209) 937-8411
Fire Prevention .............................................................. (209) 937-8271
Municipal Utilities ......................................................... (209) 937-8700
Administrative Services ............................................... (209) 937-8460

Downtown Parking

SP+ Parking (209) 944-9490
www.stocktonparking.spplus.com

Gas & Electricity, www.pge.com

PG&E (Business Services) ............................................. (800) 468-4743

Refuse & Recycling Collection**

Waste Management .................................................. (209) 946-5711
www.wm.com
Allied Waste/Republic Services ................................. (209) 466-3604
www.republicservices.com

Water**

California Water Service Company ......................... (209) 547-7900
www.calwater.com
City of Stockton ........................................................... (209) 937-8295

Small Business Development Center, (209) 954-5089

**Service provider varies by location.
Stockton's waterfront is famous for its dramatic sunsets over the bustling Port of Stockton.

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