

STATE LICENSED CONTRACTOR

If your business plans to advertise or perform contracting service in the city limits of Thousand Oaks, the City requires your company to obtain a Business Tax Certificate. Please complete the Business Tax Certificate Application form and submit with a copy of your current state contractor's card by mail, email or fax.

Mailing Address - City of Thousand Oaks
Finance Department - Business License
2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Email Address - businesslicenses@toaks.org

Fax Number - (805) 449-2289

If you are submitting your application form by email or fax, we will process the Business Tax Certificate Application and will require payment at that time. Our staff will contact you by phone or email for payment. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) over the phone. If you are paying by check, please make the check payable to the City of Thousand Oaks.

BUSINESS TAX SCHEDULE

State licensed contractors pay a flat-rate business tax that is prorated quarterly. The tax amount due is determined by the month your company begins work in the City. The Business Tax Certificate will expire at the end of the calendar year.

| If the business starts during this quarter | | Business Tax (Enter this amount on Line 1) |
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| January, February, March | ⇒ | \$67.50 |
| April, May, June | ⇒ | \$50.63 |
| July, August, September | ⇒ | \$33.75 |
| October, November, December | ⇒ | \$16.88 |

FEE WORKSHEET

- Business Tax from the schedule above \$ _____
- Processing Fee (\$64* for New or \$20* for Renewal) \$ _____
- Total Tax/Fee (Add lines 1 & 2) \$ _____

* Includes State Mandated \$4 fee per AB 1379-disabled access

For any questions, please call (805) 449-2201 during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and alternating Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Community Development Department

2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard • Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
Planning Division • Phone 805/449.2323 • Fax 805/449.2350 • www.toaks.org
Building Division • Phone 805/449.2500 • Fax 805/449.2575 • www.toaks.org

DISABILITY ACCESS REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR BUSINESS LICENSES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

Under federal and state law, compliance with disability access laws is a serious and significant responsibility that applies to all California building owners and tenants with buildings open to the public. You may obtain information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws at the following agencies:

DEPARTMENT OF
GENERALSERVICES
Division of the State
Architect, CASp Program

www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa
www.dgs.ca.gov/casp

DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
Disability Access Services

www.dor.ca.gov
www.rehab.cahwnet.gov/disabilityaccessinfo

DEPARTMENT OF
GENERALSERVICES
California Commission on
Disability Access

www.cdda.ca.gov
www.cdda.ca.gov/resourcesmenu/

CERTIFIED ACCESS SPECIALIST INSPECTION SERVICES

Compliance with state and federal construction-related accessibility standards ensures that public places are accessible and available to individuals with disabilities. Whether your business is moving into a newly constructed facility or you are planning an alteration to your current facility, by engaging the services of a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) early in this process you will benefit from the advantages of compliance and under the Construction-Related Accessibility Standards Compliance Act (CRASCA, Civil Code 55.51-55.545), also benefit from legal protections.

Although your new facility may have already been permitted and approved by the building department, it is important to obtain CASp inspection services after your move-in because unintended access barriers and violations can be created, for example, placing your furniture and equipment in areas required to be maintained clear of obstructions. For planned alterations, a CASp can provide plan review of your improvement plans and an access compliance evaluation of the public accommodation areas of your facility that may not be part of the alteration.

A CASp is a professional who has been certified by the State of California to have specialized knowledge regarding the applicability of accessibility standards. CASp inspection reports prepared according to CRASCA entitle business and facility owners to specific legal benefits, in the event that a construction-related accessibility claim is filed against them.

To find a CASp, visit www.apps2.dgs.ca.gov/DSA/casp/casp_certified_list.aspx.

GOVERNMENT TAX CREDITS, TAX DEDUCTIONS AND FINANCING

State and federal programs to assist businesses with access compliance and access expenditures are available:

Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses

FEDERAL TAX CREDIT — Internal Revenue Code Section 44 provides a federal tax credit for small businesses that incur expenditures for the purpose of providing access to persons with disabilities. For more information, refer to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 8826: Disabled Access Credit at www.irs.gov.

STATE TAX CREDIT — Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 17053.42 and 23642 provide a state tax credit similar to the federal Disabled Access Credit, with exceptions. For more information, refer to Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Form 3548: Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses at www.ftb.ca.gov.

Architectural and Transportation Barrier Removal Deduction

FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION — Internal Revenue Code Section 190 allows businesses of all sizes to claim an annual deduction for qualified expenses incurred to remove physical, structural and transportation barriers for persons with disabilities. For more information, refer to IRS Publication 535: Business Expenses at www.irs.gov.

California Capital Access Financing Program

STATE FINANCE OPTION — The California Capital Access Program (CalCAP) Americans with Disabilities Act (CalCAP/ADA) financing program assists small businesses with financing the costs to alter or retrofit existing small business facilities to comply with the requirements of the federal ADA. Learn more at www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfca/calcap/.

FEDERAL AND STATE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ON ACCESSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA) — The ADA is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities and requires all public accommodations and commercial facilities to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Learn more at www.ada.gov.

CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC) — The CBC contains the construction-related accessibility provisions that are the standards for compliant construction. A facility's compliance is based on the version of the CBC in place at the time of construction or alteration. Learn more at www.bsc.ca.gov.

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PREVENTION OF GENDER-BASED DISCRIMINATION: BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS' LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

The [Gender Tax Repeal Act of 1995](#) (Act) prohibits a business from discriminating based on a person's gender for prices of similar or like-kind goods and services. However, the Act does not prohibit price differences based on the amount of time, difficulty, or cost of providing the services.

In addition to prohibiting discrimination based on a person's gender, the Act **requires certain businesses** to clearly and conspicuously disclose to customers in writing the pricing for each standard service provided. The posting requirement applies to:

- Barbers and hair salons
- Tailors or businesses providing aftermarket clothing alterations
- Dry cleaners and laundries providing services to individuals

These businesses must follow **specific posting requirements**. The price list must:

- Clearly and completely display pricing for every standard service, which means the 15 most-frequently requested services.
- Use a font 14-point boldface or larger.
- Be posted in an area conspicuous to customers.

The business establishment must also provide a customer with a **complete written price list** upon request.

In addition, the business establishment **must display in a conspicuous place at least one sign**—printed in no less than 24-point boldface type—that states:

CALIFORNIA LAW PROHIBITS ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT FROM DISCRIMINATING, WITH RESPECT TO THE PRICE CHARGED FOR SERVICES OF SIMILAR OR LIKE KIND, AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF THE PERSON'S GENDER. A COMPLETE PRICE LIST IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Business establishments **may be fined \$1,000** for failing to correct within 30 days a violation of any of the requirements after receiving a written notice. The 30-day correction period only applies to posting violations and not to discriminatory pricing violations.

In addition, according to Civil Code section 52(a), a business may be liable for any amount determined by a jury, or a court sitting without a jury, up to three times the amount of actual damage but no less than \$4,000, plus any attorney's fees. However, an action under this section does not prohibit an aggrieved party from seeking any other available remedy or procedure.

OTHER PROVISIONS

This Act does not change or affect provisions of the Health and Safety Code, the Insurance Code, or other laws that govern a health care service plan, or insurer underwriting or rating practices.

To read the full text of the [Gender Tax Repeal Act of 1995](#) (Civil Code section 51.6), visit the California Legislative Information website at <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>.

