Starting a Business:
Choosing a Business Location

What "Homework" Should I Do?

Inquire about insurance
There may be requirements from the landlord or seller.

Check the potential lease
There may be restrictions on business operations.

Investigate additional restrictions
Some regulated industries may require additional permits or licenses.

Find out how to obtain a business license
At a minimum, most businesses will need a license.

Check with Chamber of Commerce
Understand zoning, permitting requirements, historical uses & competitors.

Investigate zoning and permits
There may be restrictions as part of a city planning process.

Check your property title for covenants if working at home
If renting, check with your landlord.

Consider getting a site inspection
If there are hazardous substances or ground contamination, potential liabilities may arise.

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