

## MARTIN COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

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## HOW TO OBTAIN A NEW BUSINESS TAX RECIEPT

This is to inform you, as a business owner in Martin County you are obligated to obtain a business tax receipt in accordance with Martin County Ordinance 464. The procedure is as follows:

- 1. You must apply for zoning approval through the Growth Management Department of Martin County, phone:772-288-5495.
- 2. Once approved, you would then be required to have a fire inspection inspected by the Fire Marshal's office, phone: 772-288-5633.
- 3. After you are found in compliance you will receive a Certificate of Compliance. You will take this Certificate to the Tax Collector's Office where you will then apply and receive your Business Tax Receipt.

## In addition:

- Business tax receipts are renewed annually and valid through September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- Failure to renew a local business tax receipt subjects the owner to delinquent fees. Per Martin County Ordinance 464, Florida Statute 205.032 all businesses must maintain a current local business tax receipt.
- In addition, to Florida Statue 205.053, any person who continues to engage in any business, occupation, or profession who does not renew or obtain the Business Tax Receipt within 150 days of initial notice is subject to additional penalties up to \$250.00 per year for each category type.
- Businesses must display a Martin County Business Tax Receipt viewable to all customers.
- Businesses may also be subject to municipal and county laws, zoning codes and state regulations.
- It is the responsibility of the business owner to report ANY CHANGES in address, ownership, or name to the Tax Collector's Office which requires a new application.