



Code Enforcement Office
P.O. BOX 470
DOUGLAS GA 31534
(912) 389-3462

APPLICATION FOR OWNER /ADDRESS CHANGE BUSINESS/OCCUPATIONAL TAX CERTIFICATE

01/01/2025

Business Legal Name: _____
Proprietorship Partnership Corporation

DBA (Doing Business as) Name: _____

Business Address: _____

**MAILING ADDRESS (If different from business address): _____

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE, RENEWAL INVOICE AND OCCUPATIONAL TAX CERTIFICATE WILL BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS.

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Property Owners Name: _____

Business Owner: _____
(Individual or Corporation)

Business Owner Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

Sales and Use Tax ID Number: _____ E- Verify # _____ Date _____

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 48-13-20.1 any person who performs any business, occupation, or profession and who is subject to an occupation tax or regulatory fee shall provide the legal name of such business and associated trade names, mailing address and actual physical address and sales and use tax identification number assigned to such business by the Georgia Department of Revenue if such business is required to have such number. Such information, or the refusal to provide such information, shall be provided to the Georgia Department of Revenue by the City of Douglas.

Federal Employer ID Number: _____ or Social Security #: _____

CARRYING ON THE BUSINESS OF: _____

Have you previously had a license with the City of Douglas? Yes No (Standard Industrial Classification)
If yes, what was the name of the business

Georgia Department of Revenue 912-389-4094. Coffee County Health Department Environmental Health Services 912-389-4458.

OF FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: _____ # OF PART TIME EMPLOYEES: _____

Number of employees shall mean the average number of employees during a specified period of the calendar year that works 40 hours or more weekly. The hours of part time employees and those working less than 40 hours/week shall be added together and the sum divided by 40 to produce the full time equivalent. The tax rate determined by number of employees for each business, trade, profession or occupation is as follows:
Base fee of \$100 plus \$5 for each full time employee or equivalent over one.
License year is January 1 to December 31. **New Business must pay fee prior to commencing business.** Licenses are renewable each calendar year thereafter. A 10% penalty is applied for renewals paid after March 1. **New License Pro-Rated 50% July 1**



I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT I AM REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE CITY OF DOUGLAS IN CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, ADDRESS, TYPE OF BUSINESS, GOING OUT OF BUSINESS, OR CHANGE OF BUSINESS IN THAT AREA OR ZONING DISTRICT.

Due to City of Douglas Procedures, the information contained in applications will be **ELECTRONICALLY** verified. Occupational License will not be issued until the City verifies that all information provided by the applicant is valid and true.

Business/Occupational Tax Certificate **will be denied** if an applicant and/or property owner owes any delinquent debt on any properties or any delinquent taxes within the city limits and/or utility service areas.

SIGNATURE of present owner **X** _____ Date: _____

A picture ID (driver's license or state issued) of the person whose signature is affixed below is required.

SIGNATURE of new owner: **X** _____ Date: _____

My signature acknowledges that the City of Douglas has a Clean Indoor Air Ordinance which is available for public view in the Douglas Code Enforcement Office Office. A copy is available upon request.

SIGNATURE **X** _____ DATE _____

Please supply an E-mail address which the City may use for any future correspondence to your firm or to request this form in subsequent years: E-mail _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____ BILL NUMBER: _____ PRESENT LOCATION ZONING DISTRICT: _____
NEW LOCATION ZONING DISTRICT : _____

AMOUNT DUE: _____

DISCOUNT (-) _____ (Applies only after July 1)

PENALTY (+) _____

TOTAL DUE _____ **RECEIPT #:** _____

Zoning Verified for permitted use
Property Taxes paid

Business Personal Property Taxes Paid
www.coffeccountytax.com

Approved for Issue: _____ DATE _____



S.A.V.E. Affidavit Verifying Status for Public Benefit with City of Douglas

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a City of Douglas,

[Check Applicable Box Below]

- Business Occupation Tax Certificate (Business License),
- Alcohol Beverage License/Permit,
- Other Public Benefit as referenced in O.C.G.A. Section 50-36-1 _____.

I am stating the following with respect to my application to The City of Douglas for the license, permit or other public benefit as indicated above.

Name of natural person applying on behalf of individual, business, corporation, partnership, or other private entity.

Name of corporation, business or partnership, if any applies.

[Check the blank that applies below]

1) _____ I am a United States citizen 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit. **(You must include a copy of your secure and verifiable document with this form, such as a State issued driver's license, military identification card, unexpired U.S Passport, etc.)**

OR

2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident 18 years of age or older or I am an otherwise qualified alien or nonimmigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older and lawfully present in the United States.* All persons that check this box must be verified through DHS's SAVE program. **(Must include a copy of your current State Driver's License and either a copy of your Permanent Resident Card or Employment Authorization Card)**

In making the above statement under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. Section 16-10-20.

X _____
Signature of Applicant Date

X _____
Printed Name

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE

ME ON THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

*Alien Registration number for non-citizens

*Note: O.C.G.A. 50-36-1(3)(2) requires that aliens under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, Title 8 U.S.C., as amended, provide their alien registration number. Because legal permanent residents are included in the federal definition of "alien", legal permanent residents must also provide their alien registration number. Qualified aliens that do not have an alien registration number may supply another identifying number below:

Alternate Identifying number for qualified aliens who do not have an A.R. number



Private Employer / E-Verify Affidavit

By executing this affidavit under oath, the undersigned private employer verifies one of the following with respect to its application for a business license, occupational tax certificate, or other document required to operate a business as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6(d):

Section 1. Please check only one:

(A) On January 1st of the below-signed year, the individual, firm, or corporation employed **more than ten (10) employees¹**.

***** If you select Section 1(A), please fill out Section 2 and then execute below. *****

(B) On January 1st of the below-signed year, the individual, firm, or corporation employed **ten (10) or fewer employees**.

***** If you select Section 1(B), please skip Section 2 and execute below. *****

Section 2.

The employer has registered with and utilizes the federal work authorization program in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 36-60-6. The undersigned private employer also attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

E-Verify Number
(Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number)

Date of Authorization

THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ of _____, 20__ in _____
Day Month Year City State

Name of Employer

X

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

X

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME

ON THIS THE ____ DAY OF

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____

¹ To determine the number of employees for purposes of this affidavit, a business must count its total number of employees company-wide, regardless of the city, state, or country in which they are based, working at least 35 hours a week.



Georgia Code- 48-5-299

48-5-299. It shall be the duty of the county board of tax assessors to investigate diligently and to inquire into the property owned in the county for the purpose of ascertaining what personal property is subject to taxation in the county and to require the proper tax return of the property for taxation. The board shall make such investigation as may be necessary to determine the value of any property upon which for any reason all taxes due the state or the county have not been paid in full as required by law. In all cases where the full amount of taxes due the state or county has not been paid, the board shall assess against the owner, if known, and against the property, if the owner is not known, the full amount of taxes which has accrued and which may not have been paid at any time within the statute of limitations. In all cases where taxes are assessed against the owner of property, the board may proceed to assess the taxes against the owner of the property according to the best information obtainable; and such assessment, if otherwise lawful, shall constitute a valid lien against the property so assessed.

Each corporation or business owner is required to prepare a PT50P tax return so as to fully and clearly set forth the data called for therein (Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, Chapter 560-7-8-.04, Page 263). All tax returns and supporting schedules must be completed in their entirety and returned by the deadline in order for the personal property to be properly returned to our county (Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia, Chapter 560-11-10-.08 (3) (c)). Returns received incomplete will be returned to the taxpayer as unable to process. The taxpayer will then be expected to complete the tax return and resubmit it to our office by **April 1st, of each taxable year to avoid a 10% penalty.**

The information requested in the general information section of the PT50P tax return should be completed in detail. The Schedule A of the return provides for the uniform calculation of value of all assets belonging to the business as of January 1 of each calendar year. Expensed assets as well as capitalized assets should be reported with the return. All leasehold improvements personal property in nature and trade fixtures should also be reported. ***Leasehold improvements such as wall, doors, floor covering, electrical, plumbing, heating and air distribution systems, ceiling and lighting that are attached to, and form an integral part of building, should not be reported as personal property.*** The basic cost approach value of assets for tax purposes is computed by multiplying the original cost new or replacement cost new by the conversion factor of each year's acquisition listed in the appropriate economic life group. All cost amounts are subject to audit. Cost should include installation, trade-in allowances, sales tax, investment credits, and/or freight charges, etc. Please note ACRS and MACRS should NOT be used for determining the economic life of an asset for Ad Valorem Tax purposes. A copy of the most current asset listing indicating the date of purchase, original cost new and description of each asset should be submitted with the tax return every year. This information is for verification purposes and is not available for public inspection

(O.C.G.A 48-5-314)

Inventory should be reported at 100% cost as of January 1 of each calendar year. This includes all retail goods, raw materials, work-in process goods, finished goods, merchandise, stock in trade, consigned



inventory, service inventories, goods in transit, office supplies, forms and all other consumable goods on hand as of January 1 of each taxable year. Cost should include freight in, overhead or burden, Federal, State, or local taxes, or any other charges imposed upon the item that makes it more valuable to the owner. Please note LIFO is not acceptable. If you have any consigned goods, leased or rented equipment, or any other type goods not owned by you but located at your business as of January 1 of each calendar year, the name and address of the legal owner must be reported to the Tax Assessors on the tax return. This is to insure that the taxes are charged to the legal owner. This information is for verification purposes and is not available for public inspection (O.C.G.A 48-5-314).

In summation, if the taxpayer fails to make a full return including listing and describing all personal property as requested by the PTSOP tax form, the Coffee Co Board of Assessors shall use the best information available to assess a value on the property for taxation purposes. In all cases where taxes are assessed against the owner of property, the board may proceed to assess the taxes against the owner of the property and such assessment shall constitute a valid lien against the property. The Coffee Co Board of Assessors hereby makes this request in order to fulfill its duties prescribed by law.

I, do solemnly swear, that I have carefully read (or have heard read) and have duly considered the law of taxation explained above and understand that I am required to file a tax return to the Coffee County Board of Tax Assessors every year I conduct business in the county for the purpose of being taxed thereon, every species of property that I own in my business or have control of either as agent, executor, administrator, or otherwise; and that in making a tax return, for the purpose of being taxed thereon, I have not attempted to evade the laws of governing taxation in this state. I do further swear that in making a tax return I have done so by reporting the true cost or replacement cost NEW of every species of property contained in my business. In the event I close, sell or move my business I agree to notify the Board of Tax Assessors in that calendar year in which the change takes place.

DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF TAXPAYER OR AGENT _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME _____

TITLE _____

PHONE NUMBER () _____ - _____



Return the completed and signed form to Douglas Marshal's Office

Emergency Contact Information

BUSINESS/OCCUPATIONAL TAX CERTIFICATE

Business Name: _____

Business Address _____

Business Owners / Contact Name _____

Business Owner / Contact Address _____

Business Phone # _____

Business Owners Phone # (Home) _____ **(Cell)** _____

Additional After Hours / Emergency Contact Information

1. Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

2. Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

3. Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

4. Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Property Owner at Business Location _____

Property Owner's Phone # _____

Property Owner's Address: _____

This Form must be completed and returned to:

**City of Douglas
Code Enforcement Office
PO Box 470
Douglas, Ga. 31533
(912)389-3462**



Delinquent Tax and Debt Clearance Form

This form must be completed by the following departments that are located at the Coffee County Administration Building, 224 Ashley St W, Douglas Ga. 31533.

By signing the below section, I am acknowledging that there are no delinquent taxes or debts owed by the applicant or the land owner where the business is located. Please check the appropriate selection box indicated if a delinquent tax or debt is owed.

NO LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED IF THE BUSINESS OR PROPERTY OWNERS OWE ANY TAX/ DEBT TO CITY OR COUNTY

Applicant _____ Property Owner _____

Solid Waste Management X _____

Title

DELINQUENT DEBT/TAX OWED YES NO

Business Register (Tax Assessors Office) X _____

Title

A DELINQUENT DEBT/TAX OWED YES NO

Property Tax Office (Tag Office) X _____

Title

DELINQUENT DEBT/TAX OWED YES NO
UNDER PAYMENT PLAN YES NO UNDER BANKRUPTCY YES NO
YEARS OWED _____

Signature and/or supporting documents must accompany this form.



BUILDING & FIRE INSPECTOR FORM

An Occupational Tax Certificate will not be issued until an inspection of commercial property is made by the Inspections & Permits Division and the Fire Department.

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Contact Person & Phone #: _____

Inspection scheduled for _____ @ _____ a.m. /p.m.

Building Inspections: Inspector – (912) 389-3423

Inspection:

Approved **Denied**

Pending _____

Inspected By _____ Date _____ - _____ 20____

Comments: _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION FORM

Fire Inspections: Inspector Brantly Anderson – (912) 384-4815 or (912) 327-0465

Inspection:

Approved **Denied**

Pending _____

Inspected By _____ Date _____ - _____ 20____

Comments: _____

After the inspection, the Douglas Fire Department Inspection Division will provide a **Fire Inspection Report** for you to return to Douglas Code Enforcement Office with the completed application.

Minimum Requirements:

Minimum 5 lb. ABC Fire Extinguisher, Smoke Detector(s), Address Numbers (at least 4” in height, and visible from street,) Exit Signs and Emergency Lights (as needed.)

Return the completed and signed form to Code Enforcement Office



Application Checklist

- Application completed in entirety.
- Signatures on page 2 of present owner and of new owner/applicant.
- Email address of person responsible of yearly renewals. (page 2)
- Save Affidavit completed and notarized. (page 3)
- A copy of a “Secure and Verifiable Document “of the applicant.
(Driver’s license, unexpired U.S Passport, etc.)
- Private Employer / E-Verify Affidavit signed and notarized.(page 4)
- Private Employer / E-Verify Affidavit -E-Verify Number and
Authorization Date if business/company has eleven (11) or more
employees.
- Page #6 signed and completed
- Page 8 sign by Solid Waste & Coffee Co. Tax Office
- Inspection Form signed by Building Inspector and Fire Dept.
Inspector. (page 9)

Notes: _____



COMMON FAQs:

How do I know if I need a Georgia Sales & Use Tax number? Where and how do I obtain a Georgia Sales & Use Tax number? Businesses are required to collect sales taxes on the retail sale of merchandise, the rental of certain items and for certain services. Contact the Georgia Department of Revenue at (404) 417-4490 for information and to obtain your sales tax number: <http://www.dor.ga.gov>.

Where can I obtain an Employee Identification Number (EIN) or Tax I.D. Number?

The Employee Identification Number (EIN) or Tax I.D. Number is issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Please contact the Business and Specialty Tax Line at (800) 829-4933. If you do not operate your business under an EIN or Tax I.D. Number, then you must provide the responsible person's Social Security Number.

What is a NAICS Code and where do I obtain one?

NAICS stands for North American Industry Classification System and is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy. You will obtain a NAICS Code from the U.S. Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics>. You may already have a NAICS code assigned to your business which you can find on previous tax returns or you may contact your accountant.

E-VERIFY FAQs:

What is E-Verify?

U.S. law requires companies to employ only individuals who may legally work in the United States – either U.S. citizens, or foreign citizens who have the necessary authorization. E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows businesses to determine the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States. E-Verify is fast, free and easy to use – and it's the best way employers can ensure a legal workforce <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>. O.C.G.A. 36-60-6 requires registration with and use of E-Verify for private employers of 11 or more employees and submission of an E-verify affidavit for all private employers applying for an occupation tax certificate/business license.

Who should sign the E-Verify Affidavit?

The applicant that signed the application for the public benefit should be the individual signing the E-Verify Affidavit. Applicants should be authorized to sign on behalf of the company.

Do applicants need to sign the E-Verify Affidavit every time a benefit is requested or renewed?

Not necessarily. Once a company/organization submits an E-verify Affidavit, with an E-verify number and the date of authorization, submission of another E-verify affidavit is not necessary unless the E-verify number changes. Also, if a company/organization submits an E-verify affidavit claiming exemption from E-verify registration, any subsequent applications will not require submission of an E-verify affidavit unless the status of the company changes; the company/organization must simply assert its exemption upon each application.

Can I email or fax a copy of the E-Verify Affidavit?

Yes. The E-Verify Affidavit can be mailed, emailed or faxed. It must be completed in its entirety.

What if the applicant who has applied for a public benefit refuses to sign the E-Verify Affidavit?

If the applicant refuses to sign the E-Verify Affidavit the City will not provide the public benefit. The City is required to submit an annual compliance report to the Department of Audits and Accounts for all contracts entered into for the 'physical performance of services'. Beginning January 1, 2012 the same provisions will apply to the issuance of occupational tax certificates and other licenses/permits.



Where do I find information regarding E-Verify and the O.C.G.A. 36-60-6 law online?

Please visit this website <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/gacode/Default.asp> for detailed information regarding O.C.G.A. 36-60-6.

SAVE Affidavit FAQs:

What is SAVE? Where can I find the law?

The Georgia General Assembly passed legislation in 2007 that makes compliance with SAVE a requirement. The Law is codified in O.C.G.A. 50-36-1 & 2 and requires, among other things, that state agencies and departments and every political subdivision of the state, including cities, verify the lawful presence in the United States of any applicant for a public benefit; verification requires the applicant to submit a SAVE affidavit and secure and verifiable document. Occupational tax certificates, business licenses, alcohol licenses, and any other document required to engage in business are considered public benefits.

Who should sign the SAVE Affidavit?

The applicant that signed the application for the public benefit must be the individual signing the SAVE Affidavit. Applicants should be authorized to sign on behalf of the company.

What is a secure and verifiable document?

Please visit the Attorney General's Office website at http://law.ga.gov/sites/law.ga.gov/files/related_files/site_page/April%202014%20secure%20and%20verifiable%20document%20list.pdf for a list of secure and verifiable documents. The most common one is a STATE ISSUED Driver's License.

Do applicants need to sign the SAVE Affidavit and submit a secure and verifiable document every time a benefit is requested or renewed?

Not necessarily. If an applicant submits an affidavit indicating he/she is a United States Citizen, along with a valid secure and verifiable document, the applicant does not need to submit a new affidavit or secure and verifiable document with every application/renewal. Submission of a SAVE affidavit and secure and verifiable document is required for all non-citizens at the time of each application/renewal.

How can I submit the SAVE Affidavit and Secure and Verifiable Document?

Both may be submitted via mail, email or in person.

What if the applicant who has applied for a public benefit refuses to sign the SAVE Affidavit?

If the applicant refuses to sign the SAVE Affidavit the City will not provide the public benefit. The City has signed a contract with the Department of Homeland Security that requires the City to verify eligibility prior to granting a public benefit. This includes business and alcohol licenses.

If the applicant is not a United States citizen, what documentation must they provide so the City can run the applicant through the SAVE system?

The applicant must provide the City with a document issued to him/her by the Department of Homeland Security as evidence of lawful presence in the United States. These documents include but are not limited to an Arrival/Departure Record (Form I-94), Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) or Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766).

Where can I find the O.C.G.A. 50-36-1 law online?

Please visit this website <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/gacode/Default.asp> for detailed information regarding O.C.G.A. 50-36-1.