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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The city of Topeka and Shawnee County have close partnerships with GO Topeka to help facilitate development in the best and most efficient manner. Our community is proud of its accomplishments and plans for the future!

Doing business in Topeka and Shawnee County is a smart choice for your company!

TAXES

CORPORATE INCOME TAX

For corporations whose business income is solely within state boundaries, the tax is 4 percent of net income. In addition, net income in excess of \$50,000 is subject to a 3 percent surtax.

For those corporations with business income both inside and outside the state, the net income attributed to the Kansas operation is based upon the percentage of the corporation's business located in Kansas.

A business's tax obligation is determined by a three-factor formula using the proportion of sales, property and payroll in Kansas compared to total sales, property and payroll.

State law allows net operating losses to be carried forward to each of the 10 years following the taxable year of the net operating loss.

Source: Kansas Department of Commerce

UTILITIES

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KANSAS DEREGULATION

In an effort to lower utility prices, many states across the country now offer their citizens “retail choice,” or the opportunity to select an energy supply company. Although the retail electricity market remains regulated, Kansas has enacted incentives to encourage the construction of “merchant power plants” — facilities that generate electricity for sale to retail providers.

Other options, such as the development of renewable energy, are supported by Kansas leaders interested in maintaining a healthy and competitive energy market.

PERMITTING PROCESS

Depending on where a business is located, there are different permitting agencies that may need to be involved. Below are links for the state, county and city permitting information.

If you need further assistance, please call GO Topeka at 785.234.2644

STATE OF KANSAS PERMITTING

Kansas does not have a Statewide Building Code, as building codes are determined by local jurisdictions, however Kansas does require permitting and environmental regulation. For questions on these issues please contact the resource listed below.

Permits - General Information: 785.296.0669

[The Roadmap to Environmental Permits](#) will get you started in your search for permitting information.

SHAWNEE COUNTY PERMITTING

Shawnee County does not have an adopted building code but does administer a building permit process to assure that all construction is compliant with the requirements of the Shawnee County Zoning Regulations and other adopted county rules and regulations. Through the building permit process, it is the intent of the County to assure orderly, planned, efficient and economical development of the county; that property can be used safely; that adequate public facilities and improvements exist; and, that improvements comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the county.

[Click here for more information](#)

CITY OF TOPEKA PERMITTING

The City of Topeka is committed to offering one stop assistance to enable a quick and efficient permitting process. Please see contact information below or visit the [Topeka Municipal Code Book](#).

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LICENSING

Starting or growing a business in Topeka and Shawnee County Kansas is a great choice! Some of the information you may need can be found below.



KANSAS BUSINESS CENTER

The State of Kansas has a comprehensive website dedicated to assisting companies to start a business in Kansas. Visit the link below for more information.

[Kansas Business Center](#)

SHAWNEE COUNTY LICENSING

Shawnee County licensing information can be found at the link below.

[Shawnee County Licensing](#)

CITY OF TOPEKA

A list of business licenses and information can be found on the City of Topeka website below.

[City of Topeka Licensing](#)

As always, please reach out to GO Topeka for further information about getting started. Contact us at 785.234.2644

GOVERNMENT

TOPEKA CITY COUNCIL

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[Councilwoman Sandra Clear](#)

District 2

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[Councilman Tony Emerson](#)

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[Councilwoman Michael Padilla](#)

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1216 SW 29th St
Topeka, KS 66611
785.304.3532

[Councilman Brendan Jensen](#)

District 6
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Topeka, KS 66604
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[Councilwoman Aaron Mays](#)

District 7
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Topeka, KS 66610
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[Councilman Jeff Coen](#), Deputy Mayor

District 8
2146 SW Burnett Rd
Topeka, KS 66614
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[Councilman Michael Lesser](#)

District 9
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View our Topeka [City Council Districts Map](#)

PLANNING & ZONING

Topeka is located within Shawnee County. Depending on the site or building, the planning and zoning may be

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enforced by either the city or the county. Either way, our community stands ready to assist in development to strengthen our economy and help businesses grow and thrive.

SHAWNEE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department, under the authority and policy direction of the Board of Commissioners of Shawnee County, is responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing County land use policies and regulations; processing and issuing building, zoning, and other development permits; administering [county floodplain regulations](#); and carrying out long-range community planning. The department provides staff support to the Shawnee County [Planning Commission](#), Shawnee County Board of Zoning Appeals, and [County Commission](#).

For more information on Shawnee County regulations please visit their website [here](#).

CITY OF TOPEKA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Current Planning assists property owners, developers, business owners, and neighborhood groups by facilitating the land development and zoning process. Staff handles the review of rezoning and subdivision plat applications; commercial building site and landscape plans; residential building permits; Board of Zoning Appeals variances and appeals; and vacations of streets, alleys, and easements. Staff reviews these applications for consistency and conformance to the City of Topeka's Zoning Regulations and Comprehensive Plan. A planner of the day is available to answer questions and inquiries on land development, zoning and subdivisions during business hours. Current Planning also arranges pre-application submittal meetings with all of the appropriate City of Topeka staff on matters of land development, zoning, and subdivision platting.

To inquire about planning in the city of Topeka visit their website [here](#).