

***The City of Fort Lauderdale is known for its beautiful beaches and waterways...but did you know about these rules and ordinances???***

### **JET SKI/KAYAK/PADDLEBOARD BUSINESSES**

These businesses must provide a lease agreement for a commercial dock. You cannot launch or pick up passengers at any city parks, see [Park Rules](#).

- **Park Rules 2.2** Parks shall be used for recreation and relaxation, ornament, light and air for the general public. Parks shall not be used for business or social service purposes unless authorized pursuant to a written agreement with the City.

### **BEACH BUSINESSES**

#### **Article III. - Public Beaches**

##### **Sec. 8-73. - Offenses.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit on the public beaches or within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of Atlantic Boulevard or Seabreeze Boulevard; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to persons operating under beach franchises, concessions, or pursuant to temporary beach license agreements or concessions for special events described in this chapter and established business operations conducted entirely within an enclosed building or in a permanent structure for which a building permit is required. The terms "solicit" or "soliciting" shall mean and include any one (1) or more of the following activities:

- (1) Seeking to obtain orders for the purchase of goods, merchandise, foodstuff, services or any other thing of any kind, character or description whatsoever for any kind of consideration whatsoever.
- (2) Selling goods, merchandise, foodstuff, services or other thing of any kind, character or description whatsoever, for any kind of consideration whatsoever.
- (3) Selling or seeking to obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers and every other type or kind of publication for any kind of consideration whatsoever.
- (4) Seeking to obtain gifts, or contributions of money, clothing or any other thing for any reason whatsoever.

- (5) Seeking to obtain orders for, or selling real estate of any kind, character or description whatsoever for any kind of consideration whatsoever.
- (6) Renting or seeking to obtain orders for the rental of goods, merchandise, foodstuff, services, real estate or any other thing of any kind, character or description whatsoever, for any kind of consideration whatsoever.
- (7) Promoting sales or rentals of real estate, services or goods by the offering of any free services or goods of any kind, character or description whatsoever as an inducement to examine the desirability of such purchase or rental.
- (8) Placing or carrying, or causing to be placed or carried any showboard, placard or sign for the purpose of accomplishing any of the activities set forth in paragraphs (1) through (7) of this section.

#### **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

- **Corporations** are registered with the Florida Secretary of State. For information call (850) 245-6052. Out of State corporations must register with the Secretary of State if they intend to use their corporate name. For information call (850) 245-6000.
- If the business name used in your business does not include the full first name, and last name of the business owner, the business name would be considered a **Fictitious Name**, and must be registered with the Florida Secretary of State's Office, (850) 245-6000.

<https://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/>

- To obtain a **Florida Sales Tax Number**, (resale number) contact the Florida Department of Revenue. (850) 488-6800

<https://floridarevenue.com/Pages/default.aspx>

- Businesses that **sell or serve food** products must be inspected by either Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (pre-packaged), (850) 245-5520.

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Food/Food-Establishments>

or

Department of Business & Professional Regulation/Division of Hotels and Restaurants (prepared), (850) 487-1395.

<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/>

- **HEALTH STUDIOS** are required to register with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) annually and, in some cases, to post a \$25,000 surety bond, letter of credit or certificate of deposit. (850) 410-3800

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Health-Studios>

- Anyone operating a **HOME OFFICE** must also reside in the residential dwelling, except that up to two employees or independent contractors who do not reside at the residential dwelling may work at the business. Parking related to the business activities of the home-based business must comply with local zoning requirements. The business may not generate a need for parking greater in volume than a similar residence where no business is conducted. Local governments may regulate the parking or storage of heavy equipment at the business which is visible from the street. The business may have additional remote employees that do not work at the residential dwelling. A valid driver's license reflecting the home address must be submitted at time of application.

<http://laws.flrules.org/2021/202>

- **SELLERS OF TRAVEL, INCLUDING INDEPENDENT TRAVEL CONSULTANTS**, must have a Certificate of Registration from the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services or Statement of Exemption before a Local Business Tax Receipt can be issued. Please call (800) 435-7352 for information.

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Sellers-of-Travel>

- **TELEMARKETERS** The Florida Telemarketing Act requires non-exempt businesses that engage in the sale of consumer goods or services by telephone to be licensed and post security (surety bond, certificate of deposit, or letter of credit) of no less than \$50,000, prior to soliciting in Florida. (850) 410-3800

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Telemarketing>

- **MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS** The Florida Motor Vehicle Repair Act requires anyone who is paid to repair motor vehicles owned by other individuals to register with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). (800) 435-7352

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Motor-Vehicle-Repair>

- **MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS** must be State licensed from the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles before a Local Business Tax Receipt can be issued. Please call (954) 969-4216.

<http://www.flhsmv.gov>

- **ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, ADULT CARE CENTERS AND ADULT CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES** must have a State license from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration's Adult Care Unit before a Local Business Tax Receipt can be issued. Please call (888) 419-3456.

<https://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/index.shtml>

- **PAWNBROKERS** The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) regulates pawnbrokers under the provisions of Chapter 539, Florida Statutes. You can find information on DACS' website or call 800-HELP-FLA (435-7352). Any person that is engaged in business as a pawnbroker must register with the Florida Department of Revenue as a dealer to collect and report sales and use tax. Pawnbrokers are not required to register as a secondhand dealer.

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Pawnbroking>

- **CONSIGNMENT SHOPS and SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS** must obtain a Secondhand Dealers License from the Department of Revenue, (850) 488-6800.

[https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/taxesfees/Pages/secondhand\\_dealers\\_recyclers.aspx](https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/taxesfees/Pages/secondhand_dealers_recyclers.aspx)

- **SPA/COSMETOLOGY/MASSAGE**, depending on the services offered, must have a salon license with either DBPR, DOH or both. Each state licensed individual other than a cosmetologist and nail specialist must apply for their own Business Tax at a licensed salon. Massage Salons must have a salon license through the DOH. Please note that each massage therapist must have a separate Business Tax.

<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/cosmetology/>

<https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/>

- **TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS/PERMANENT MAKEUP/PIERCING SALONS** must apply for the Business Tax Receipt first, if approved by Zoning we will email you a Zoning Route Sheet to submit to the Department of Health. You can email a copy of the license to us once it has been issued.

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/tattooing/index.html>

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/body-piercing/index.html>

- **FISHING OR CHARTER BOATS** must provide a lease agreement for a commercial dock.

[https://homeport.uscg.mil/Lists/Content/Attachments/40474/UPV\\_GUIDEBOOK\\_under\\_100GT\\_CGD11\\_rev2016.pdf](https://homeport.uscg.mil/Lists/Content/Attachments/40474/UPV_GUIDEBOOK_under_100GT_CGD11_rev2016.pdf)