

The City of Taylor welcomes you as a new business in our city! The following is a list of some of the basic guidelines to assist the new business owner.

Business owners & tenants are responsible for the safety and appearance of their sites which include:

Parking lots

Keeping parking lots maintained and free of trash, weeds and debris. (Permits may be required for asphalt and concrete repairs).

Snow removal from parking lots & public and internal sidewalks.

Parking spaces and crosswalks clearly striped. Handicap spaces are required to have designated signs.

Dumpsters must be maintained and gated.

Overnight vehicle storage is not permitted in business districts.

Providing safe down shielded lighting. Display and sales of merchandise outside the building or outside storage is not permitted, unless you have been approved for a Special Event.

Graffiti must be removed from any screening walls or dumpster areas.

Buildings

- **Advertising signs, on walls or any sign on building walls for which a permit has not been obtained is prohibited.**
- **Painting on exterior building walls is prohibited.**
- **Please check the Zoning Ordinance, Section 16.01, prior to any color changes to the exterior building.**
- **Window signage cannot exceed 20% of the window area and will be calculated in with the total amount allowed for wall signage.**
- **Windows cannot be blocked with shelving units or opaque material.**
- **Solid metal security gates or solid roll-down metal windows are prohibited.**
- **Building exterior must be kept clean and in good repair.**

Signs

- **A permit is required for any new signage or change in signage.**
- **Most commercial businesses are permitted 10% of the building's face, up to a maximum of 100 sq. ft. for wall signage.**
- **Monument type ground signs up to 32 sq. ft. with a maximum height of 8 feet are permitted, in accordance with Section 18.06 (b)(4).**
- **Pole signs are no longer permitted and cannot be reconstructed or enlarged.**
- **Existing non-conforming signage must be removed when there is a change in use or sign modification.**
- **All signage must meet requirements of Article 18.00 of the Zoning Ordinance.**
- **Signs cannot be enlarged or relocated, except in accordance with Ordinance requirements.**
- **Illumination by bare bulbs, neon, luminous tubing or flames is prohibited.**
- **Signs cannot be located in the public right of way.**