

tasty tips

TIDBITS TO BOOST YOUR FOOD BUSINESS



Starting a restaurant is a hugely popular entrepreneurial dream, yet the reality is far from dreamy. You need vision and ingenuity as the first ingredients but a large dose of research, planning, capital, business acumen, and perseverance is also necessary. So how do these all tie together? Here are some tips that can help entrepreneurs start, operate and whip up their food business successfully and within the law. The Town of Vinton Economic Development Office invites you to use this guide to websites especially targeting successful business creation. Start off with regulatory websites for small businesses, add a dose of helpful resources, and top off with a helping of local networking opportunities and you'll have a wonderfully enjoyable dish.



Town of Vinton's Small Business Development Program Services for Small Businesses

<http://www.vintonva.gov/econdevl>

Click on SBDC Classes and Events to sign up for an orientation or call (540) 983-0717 to receive help with writing a business/marketing plan.

BRC Services for restaurant owners include:

LoopNet™-- Find commercial buildings for sale or lease

Business-in-a-Box™-- over 1000 document templates for everyday business

Demographics Now™-- Conduct market research to find the best location for your food business

B2G™--Determine if the government is purchasing services provided by your business

PlanWrite©--Write your business plan

Helpful Documents

Guide to Starting a Business in Vinton
<http://www.vintonva.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=168>

Guide to Starting a Food Business
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Resources

Question and Answer Guide for Starting and Growing Your Small Business

<http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/310/310-100/310-100.pdf>

Entrepreneur Assistance Program

http://ncsu.edu/foodscience/extension_program/entrepreneurs.html

Virginia Tech Department of Food Science and Technology

<http://www.fst.vt.edu>

Business structure

Assumed Name (DBA) Registration

<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/clk/formfee.aspx>

Business Structures – State of Virginia

<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/clk/begin.aspx>

Licensing and Regulations

Town of Vinton & Roanoke County Health Department

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/Alleghany/Roanoke/environmentalhealth.htm>

Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/LHD/Alleghany/Roanoke/environmentalhealth.htm>

Taxes

Federal Taxes

<http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

State Taxes

<http://www.tax.virginia.gov/site.cfm?alias=BusinessHome>