### **HOW TO GET STARTED**

New businesses should draft a Business Plan.

Ask yourself: What is the nature of your business? Retail. Wholesale. Manufacturing. Service Industry. Then Select a legal form: Proprietorship, Corporation, LLC

Are you building a new facility or relocating?

Pender County Planning and the incorporated towns will assist with permitting information.

Helpful Resources:

Small Business Administration: www.sba.gov/content/follow-these-steps-starting-business

Cape Fear Community College, Small Business
Center: cfcc.edu/sbc/how-to-start-resources/

Economic Development Partnership of North

Carolina: www.thrivenc.com

Small Business Lending: Small Business

Administration, Coastal Bank & Trust for local business lending, coastalbanknc.com

### PENDER PLANNING

Department staff will begin the site development process for all new businesses locating within the county.

Complete application and site plans meeting ordinance requirements. Visit www.pendercountync.gov for downloadable permits and information.

Things staff will review:

- Is this a permitted use in this zoning district?
- Landscaping and Parking Standards
- Required state and local permits as necessary
- Signage

Planning staff issues a zoning approval, which allows applicants to apply for any necessary building permits.



### **Pender County. Business**

Economic Development
Phone: 910-259-1200
Pender County Manager
Randell Woodruff
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Planning Department 910-259-1202 Planning Director, Kyle Breuer E-mail: kbreuer@pendercountync.gov

#### Pender County Tourism Development Authority

Phone: 910-259-1536 E-mail: tproctor@pendercountync.gov

Pender County offers connectivity via Interstate 40, US Hwy 17, and many state highways.

The county provides infrastructure required by businesses and our Pender Commerce Park is shovel ready.

Pender County is served by a nationally recognized public school system as well as two campuses of the Cape Fear Community College

Pender County offers beaches, parks, and recreational opportunities that attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Contact us today to see why Pender County is the best place to live and work.





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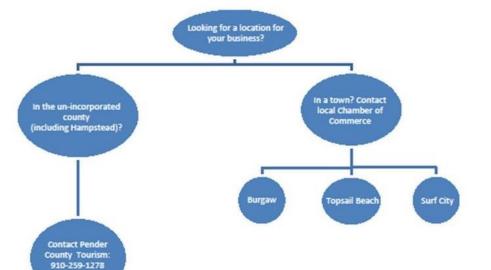
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## Welcome to Pender County

One of the fastest growing counties in North Carolina, Pender County is rich in history, natural resources, and a strong educational system.

The county is 933 square miles and includes the incorporated towns of Atkinson, Burgaw, Surf City, Topsail Beach, St. Helena, and Watha as well as the unincorporated areas of Hampstead, Rocky Point, and Scotts Hill. The county's population, according to the US Census is 56,250.



You may reach the Pender County Planning Department for Commercial Use at 910-259-1202.

If you select a site within one of our beautiful towns, please call:

Atkinson: 910-283-7341

Burgaw: 910-663-3451

St. Helena: 910-259-9655

Surf City: 910-328-4131

## LOCATION, LOCATION

Pender County offers a variety of site selections—from beach towns, to All American historic towns, and an Industrial Park.

Depending on the needs of your business, you will need to make contact with the appropriate authority.

For the Industrial Park and the Unincorporated Areas of Pender County, contact the Pender County Planning Department. Our helpful staff will guide you through the process and assist with site development.

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