

Welcome New and Relocating Businesses

The City of Thomasville, in an effort to help transition businesses that propose to open or relocate in Thomasville, want business owners to know the following actions to take before purchasing, renting or leasing a building for their proposed business or relocation:

1. Know which zoning district you are proposing to move to and whether or not your business could be located or relocated into that zone. For questions regarding which zone you are in and what is permissible, please call the zoning office @ (336-475-4255).
2. Know that when the use of a building was changed from the original intent it was built for or from the last occupied use, that the State of North Carolina requires that the building be brought up to the current building code. In order to know in advance on which changes that the proposed building would require if any, please call the building inspection office @ (336)-475-4253 or (336)-475-4202. Most of the time this requires an inspection of the proposed building with a \$50.00 occupancy inspection fee that allows our inspectors into the building to approve as-is or make a list of alterations that would allow the proposed business to use that particular building.
3. Know that the State of North Carolina requires all businesses to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. This can only be issued after the zoning is approved and the building is approved for occupancy. This may also require an inspection from the fire inspection office. To find out if your particular building needs a fire inspection, please call (336)-475-5527.