



# BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE



# CITY OF KENNER



# WHY KENNER?

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## **ACCESSIBILITY:**

Kenner lies at the heart of the largest intermodal transportation system in the South. With easy access to major rail lines, I-10, U.S. 61, and the Port of New Orleans, the city is the center of market for many industries. And with the Louis Armstrong International Airport within the City of Kenner, business travel is convenient.

## **WORKFORCE:**

The civilian labor force of Jefferson Parish (including Kenner) is approx. 215,000, and that's only 40% of the entire workforce in the New Orleans MSA. 38% of the metro region's 25-to-34-year-olds have a bachelor's degree or higher.

## **BUSINESS BASE:**

With over 100 new businesses opening their doors in Kenner each year, industries are diverse—from food manufacturing to metal fabrication—and are complimented by numerous professional services and retail.



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## **REAL ESTATE:**

Developable land is available and a healthy inventory of existing office, retail, and industrial space is ready to accommodate your business needs. Tax breaks are available in historic Rivertown, recently designated a State Main Street and cultural-arts district.

## **QUALITY OF LIFE:**

From high-performing public schools and a new charter school, to the lowest property taxes in the region, great housing and a wide array of events and activities, Kenner is a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

*Chateau Estates*

# STEPS TO STARTING A BUSINESS

## **Check the Zoning for Your Business Location:**

City of Kenner Planning Dept.  
(504) 468-7280,  
or e-mail [planning@kenner.la.us](mailto:planning@kenner.la.us)

## **Incorporate Your Business:**

Louisiana Secretary of State  
8585 Archives Ave.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
(225) 925-4704  
[www.geauxbiz.com](http://www.geauxbiz.com)

## **Register Your Business Name:**

Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court  
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd  
Jefferson, LA 70123  
(504) 736-6390

## **Obtain Your Occupational License/Tradesman's License:**

City of Kenner Inspections &  
Code Enforcement  
1926 18th. Street  
Kenner, LA 70062  
(504) 468-4062  
[buslic@kenner.la.us](mailto:buslic@kenner.la.us)

## **Obtain A Sales Tax Account:**

Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office  
Bureau of Revenue & Taxation  
200 Derbigny St., Suite 1200  
Gretna, LA 70053  
(504) 363-5637, [www.jpso.com](http://www.jpso.com)

## **Apply for Your Louisiana Tax Account/ Register Your Business:**

[www.revenue.louisiana.gov](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov)  
(225) 219-7318

## **Receive a Federal Tax ID/ Employer ID Number :**

(800) 829-4933  
[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (search "EIN")

## **Before Hiring, Register With The LA Workforce Commission:**

1801 Airline Drive, Suite F Metairie, LA  
70001  
(504) 838-5678 or  
(866) 783-5567  
[www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net)

## **Need to Build Your Business Site? Submit Contract Plans To:**

Louisiana State Fire Marshall New  
Orleans Plan Review  
1450 Poydras St. , Ste 1500  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
504-568-8506  
<https://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov>



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## (CONTINUED)

### Obtain A Wholesale-Food Permit:

Louisiana Food & Drug Unit  
628 N.4th. Street  
Baton Rouge LA 70802  
(225) 342-9500

### Obtain A Food-Sales Permit:

Jefferson Parish Health Dept.  
111 N. Causeway Blvd. Rm 212  
Metairie, LA 70001  
(504) 838-5100

### Obtain an Alcohol Beverage Sales Permit at Both:

- 1) City of Kenner Inspections & Code Enforcement  
1926 18th Street  
Kenner, LA 70062  
(504) 468-4062  
[codeadmin@kenner.la.us](mailto:codeadmin@kenner.la.us)
- 2) LA Alcohol & Tobacco Control  
8585 Archives Ave., Suite 305  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
(225) 925-4041

### Contact Kenner Planning For Zoning Questions:

City of Kenner Planning Dept.  
(504) 468-7280, or e-mail  
[planning@kenner.la.us](mailto:planning@kenner.la.us)

### For Permits:

City of Kenner  
Inspections & Code Enforcement  
1926 18th. Street  
Kenner, LA 70062  
(504) 468-4062  
[kennerpermits@kenner.la.us](mailto:kennerpermits@kenner.la.us)

### To Become a City/Parish Vendor:

- 1) Kenner Purchasing  
1610 Rev. Richard Wilson Dr.  
Kenner, LA 70062  
(504) 468-7261  
[purchasing@kenner.la.us](mailto:purchasing@kenner.la.us)
- 2) Jefferson Parish Purchasing  
200 Derbigny St., Suite 4400  
Gretna, LA 70053  
(504) 364-2678  
[purchasing@jeffparish.net](mailto:purchasing@jeffparish.net)





# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## **Social Security Administration**

provides guidance and information on withholding Social Security and Medicare taxes and reporting employees' annual earnings.

**[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)**

## **LA Workforce Commission**

provides information on Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, and labor laws, as well as tools to help employers find qualified job candidates.

**[www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net)**

## **The Louisiana Secretary of State**

offers a downloadable new business checklist, customized by industry and location.

**[www.geauxbiz.sos.la.gov](http://www.geauxbiz.sos.la.gov)**

## **The Louisiana Small Business Development Center**

offers tools and information to assist in starting a business.

**[www.louisianasbdc.org](http://www.louisianasbdc.org)**

## **The Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission**

offers various services to support businesses.

**[www.JEDCO.org](http://www.JEDCO.org)**

## **Kenner Business Association**

strives to improve the Kenner business climate through advocating for, engaging with, and advancing the City's mission and vision.

**[www.kennerbusinessassociation.com](http://www.kennerbusinessassociation.com)**

## **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana**

fosters the continued economic growth, development and promotion of Hispanic businesses and their associations

**<https://hispanicchamberla.com>**



## **Jefferson Chamber of Commerce**

supports the Jefferson Parish business community through advocacy, initiatives, and connection.

**[www.jeffersonchamber.org](http://www.jeffersonchamber.org)**



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This pamphlet was prepared by the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO). JEDCO's mission is to grow, retain, and attract new businesses to Kenner and Jefferson Parish.

## JEDCO'S SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Business Financing**
- **Tax Incentives**
- **Demographic Reports**
- **Site Selection Assistance**
- **Ribbon Cuttings**
- **Job Retention and Expansion Programs**

Contact JEDCO for a customized plan to fit your business needs:

700 Churchill Parkway, Avondale, LA 70094

Phone: (504) 875-3908 | Fax: (504) 875-3923

[www.JEDCO.org](http://www.JEDCO.org)

