

How to Open a Restaurant in Westminster

Step 2 (of 8)

Contact the City of Westminster

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Before signing a lease or purchasing a site, contact our team below to ensure the location is appropriate for your business.

■ **Economic Development** — The Economic Development team can assist with finding a site for your business, connect you to resources, and aid in facilitating conversations around the requirements below.

Economic Development | ecodevo@cityofwestminster.us | 303.658.2108

■ **Zoning** — Factors to consider in selecting a site are the type of building, location, zoning and available parking. Contact the Planning Division for zoning approval prior to signing a lease and prior to submitting building permits.

Planning Division | planning@cityofwestminster.us | 303.658.2092

- Building Check with the Building Division to see if your occupancy type will be allowed in the existing building without making major renovations.
 Building Division | permits@cityofwestminster.us | 303.658.2075
- **Grease Traps** "FOGG retention devices" are required for every food serving establishment. The size, type, and location of the interceptor will depend on the number of seats your restaurant services as well as number of water fixtures. You will need City approval prior to installing your grease trap.

Wastewater Field Operations, FOGG fogg@cityofwestminster.us | 303.658.2537

■ Water Taps — Restaurants use a lot of water by comparison to retail, and have more fixtures too. A tap up-size and/or additional water purchases may be required to provide adequate water service for a restaurant. Total construction and tap fee costs could be \$100,000+, some of which may be paid by the building owner. Please contact Public Works and Utilities prior to signing a lease to see if tap fees will be required.

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Backflow and Cross Connection Control — Backflow protection is required for all businesses. To determine what is right for your type of restaurant, refer to the City of Westminster Municipal Code, Section 8-7-27. A final inspection will be required prior to a new meter installation or through the permitting process. Please refer to www.cityofwestminster.us/backflow for answers to common questions.

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