

# ROCHESTER



## Office of the City Clerk

### SIGN INSTALLERS LICENSE APPLICATION

[Rochester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 116](#) applies to licenses for erecting and maintaining signs, and requires anyone engaging in the business of sign or outdoor advertising by erecting or maintaining signs to be licensed to do so by the City.

Licenses must be renewed every year, with the license period running from January 1 through December 31. The current license fee is \$55, and is not prorated. If you are renewing a license and submit your application for the next year after Dec. 31, the fee rises to \$70. Required fees must be paid at the time an application is submitted.

**Instead of sending in this form, applications can be submitted online through the Accela Citizen Access portal. See the following instructions:**

Register for a Public User Account (video)

<https://lf.rochestermn.gov/Documents/ElectronicFile.aspx?dbid=0&docid=761310>

Applying for a License (PDF)

<https://lf.rochestermn.gov/Documents/ElectronicFile.aspx?dbid=0&docid=1210117>

#### CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ITEMS THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED

**1.** Fully complete all parts of this application and submit **ALL** pages including this checklist (*Every question must be answered – write 'N/A' or 'not applicable' if necessary on any questions*):

- License Application must be signed by the applicant or an owner/applicant/officer
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**2.** \$1,000 bond filed with the City of Rochester with sureties to be approved by the City Attorney - OR – a copy of Minnesota Sign Contractor compliance bond pursuant to Minn. Stat. §326B.865.

**3.** Proof of worker's compensation insurance, or that it is not required

**4.** License fee of \$55 submitted with the application

- License fees are not prorated regardless of when issued during the course of the calendar year.
- Renewal applications submitted on or after Jan. 1 of the license year incur a \$15 late fee, for a total license fee of \$70. First time applications are \$55 regardless of when during the year they are submitted.

#### ADDITIONAL STEPS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CITY PRIOR TO ISSUING A LICENSE:

**5.** Review of the application by the City Clerk's Office to ensure completeness

**6.** Confirmation that all requirements of [RCO 85.25](#) have been met, including that the applicant has paid all fees, charges, taxes, special assessments, or other debt or obligation owed to the City regarding any other matter

**7.** Approval of the license application by the City Council

8. Issuance of license to erect and maintain signs once all other steps are complete  
(YOU ARE NOT LICENSED UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A LICENSE CERTIFICATE)

**Fill in all blanks. Write N/A if a question is not applicable.**

Licenses run on the calendar year, expiring on Dec. 31, and are not prorated.

Calendar Year Applying for:

*If you are applying after Oct. 1 for the current year, would you also like to apply to renew this license for the following year at the same time?*

- YES  NO if yes, one application can be submitted, but you will need to pay the license fee for each year

Is this a renewal of an existing or previous license with the City of Rochester?

- YES  NO

**STEP 1. LICENSE APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Information about who is completing this application for the business**

1. First Name		2. Last Name	
3. Primary Telephone Number	4. Type of Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other	5. Alternate Phone Number	6. Type of Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other
7. Email Address			
8. Mailing Address		9. City	10. State
		11. Zip Code	
12. Please send official notices relating to this license to: <input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Business Address		13. Role of person completing application: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Agent for the Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

**Information about primary point of contact for this license (if different than above)**

14. First Name		15. Last Name	
16. Primary Telephone Number	17. Type of Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other	18. Alternate Phone Number	19. Type of Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other
20. Email Address		21. Role of primary contact: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Agent for the Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

**License Holder Information**

**Provide information about who this license will be issued to**

22. Business Federal Tax ID Number		23. Business State Tax ID Number	
24. Entity license will be issued to (Legal Corporate Name of Business including LLC, Inc., Co., etc., or, only if sole proprietor, name of individual)		25. Business Trade Name (DBA) if different than legal name	
26. Business Address		27. City	28. State
		29. Zip Code	

**STEP 2. BUSINESS INFORMATION**

**Additional Business Applicant Information** - attach additional sheets if necessary

30. Type of Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____	31. Date of Incorporation/ Organization	32. State of Inc./Org
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**STEP 3. BUSINESS DATA**

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

Workers' Compensation Company	Policy Number	Dates of Coverage
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OR:

I certify that I am not required to carry workers' compensation insurance because:  I am self-insured.  I am the sole proprietor and I have no employees.  I have no employees who are covered by workers' compensation law. Only employees who are specifically exempted by statute are not covered by workers' compensation law. These include spouse, parents, and children regardless of age. All other workers whose work is controllable by the employer must be covered.

**STEP 4. DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH**

- Submit either of the following to meet the bond requirement:
  - Original \$1,000 bond filed with the City of Rochester with sureties to be approved by the City Attorney – or-
  - A copy of Minnesota Sign Contractor compliance bond pursuant to Minn. Stat. §326B.865
- Proof of Workers Comp insurance, if required

**STEP 5. PAYMENT**

**SUBMIT THE REQUIRED LICENSE FEE WITH THIS APPLICATION**

License fees are not prorated, and cover the license year being applied for, expiring on Dec. 31.

**ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR THE PERIOD OF JAN. 1- DEC. 31:**  
**\$55**

**ADD:**  
**\$15 Late Fee** for *renewals* submitted on or after Jan. 1 of the license year

Total paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 6. NOTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION**

**Notice of Collection of Private Data**

The information collected and required as part of a license application will be used to determine eligibility for a City of Rochester License or Permit. Disclosure of this information is voluntary. It is not legally required to provide requested data, however, failure to do so may mean the City of Rochester is unable to process this application.

Social Security Numbers and Birth Dates are classified as private data, and are not available to the public. Access to this data is limited to staff with a business need in order to determine license eligibility, and to administer and manage the licensing program.

Disclosure of Social Security Number (or Individual Tax ID Number only for individuals without a social security number), and a Minnesota Tax ID Number is required by Minnesota Statutes 270C.72, and may be requested by and released to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue. All other information contained in this application is public information upon submission pursuant to the Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. Individuals have the right to see and obtain copies of the data maintained on them, including private data, and also have the right to be told the contents and meaning of the data, and to contest the accuracy and completeness of the data.

**Notice of Ability to Sign up for Electronic Notifications of Proposed City Ordinances**

As an applicant for a business license or renewal of an existing business license, you are also hereby notified that the City of Rochester distributes general city information and notices through an electronic notification system, and you may sign up to receive notices through this electronic notification system on the City’s website at <http://www.rochestermn.gov/i-want-to/sign-up-for/email-updates> This includes notice of proposed ordinances at least 10 days prior to final adoption by the City Council in accordance with Minn. Stat. 415.19.

**A SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION**

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the above information regarding my rights as a subject of government data. I acknowledge I have been provided information about what is required to obtain a business license from the City of Rochester, and how to receive notifications of proposed City ordinances. I agree I will strictly comply with all the laws of the State of Minnesota governing the taxation of business and all ordinances of the City of Rochester, and understand I can review all City ordinances on the City website or in the City Clerk’s Office. I certify that I have read and understand every question in this application and that the answer to every question is true to my knowledge, information and belief, and further understand that the giving of false information as part of this application, regardless of when it is discovered, and/or failure to give required pertinent information can constitute cause for denial, suspension, or revocation of my business license.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_