
Tax Abatement

A business may be granted a stay of paying property taxes for the entire tax or percentage of the tax. For tax abatement consideration, contact the City Engineering Department.

Contacts

City of Portsmouth Mayor's Office
740-354-8807

City Engineering Department
740-354-7557

City Health Department
740-353-5153

Main Street Portsmouth
740-464-0203

Portsmouth Area Chamber of
Commerce
740-353-7647

Scioto County Auditor
740-355-8324

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Main Street Approach

Main Street Portsmouth is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit seeking to revitalize downtown Portsmouth and historic Boneyfiddle. MSP uses the approach begun by the National Main Street program in 1977.

Main Street is a community-driven economic development program created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation which focuses on four specific areas: Design, Promotion, Organization and Economic Restructuring.

The Main Street approach has successfully revitalized downtowns in over 1,600 communities nationwide, generating over 16 billion dollars of re-investment in those communities.

Websites

www.ag.ohio-state.edu

www.ci.portsmouth.oh.us

www.irs.gov

www.odod.state.oh.us

www.odod.state.oh.us/onestop

www.ovrdc.org

www.pikecac.org

www.portsmouth.org

www.sba.gov

www.sciotocountyohio.com

www.sciotocountyohio.com/cao.htm

www.southcenters.osu.edu

www.usda.gov



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DOING BUSINESS IN PORTSMOUTH

We want to Empower Your
Business.

Welcome to Portsmouth ! We want to work
with you to expedite the opening of your
business in Portsmouth.

Please use this guide to assist you in doing
business as simply and quickly as possible.

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Doing Business in Portsmouth

BUSINESS COUNSELING AND TRAINING

The Small Business Development Center of Ohio (SBDC) and the Business Development Department of the Community Action Committee (CAC) of Pike County provide free, professional, in-depth and confidential business counseling and training to pre-venture, start-up and existing businesses in Scioto County.

Contact:

The Ohio SBDC
1864 Shyville Road
Piketon, OH 45661
740-708-7810

Business Development Department
CAC Pike County, Inc.
941 Market Street,
Piketon, OH 45661
740-289-2371
866-820-1185

Several entities provide employee training to fit your individual business needs.

Shawnee State University
Business and Industry Training
740-351-3171
866-672-8778

Scioto County
Community Action Organization
740-354-7541

Scioto County Joint Vocational School
740-259-5526

Vendors License

Before making any commitments to do business in Portsmouth, contact the City Engineering Department. They will help you determine if your proposed business meets zoning regulations, and you will have a much clearer picture of what lies ahead. Next, apply for a vendor's license with the Scioto County Auditor's office.

Building Permits

If you are making any structural, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical changes to your facility, submit a Building Permit application to the City Engineering Department. Alterations to the exterior of a building may be subject to approval from the Design Review board.

Design Review

All new and exterior building renovations and signage within the Historic Boneyfiddle District and Downtown Improvement District require design review approval. Contact the City Engineering Department and allow sufficient time in your business plan for this process.

Restaurant/Food Related Permits

If your business involves selling or handling food, a permit from the City Health Department may be needed. Improvements and/or inspections of the building and facilities may also be needed.

Demolition Permits

For all structural demolition, contact the City Health Department. This department will determine any health related issues. Once the Health Department signs off on any health related issues, apply for a Demolition Permit from the City Engineering Department.

FUNDING YOUR BUSINESS

One key to any successful business start-up is the ability to secure appropriate financing. Armed with the right information and a good business plan, you can navigate the process in a timely and successful fashion. Both the SBDC and CAC of Pike County can guide you through the business plan process and give valuable information about funding options.

Check with your local bank and inquire about commercial lending opportunities. "Gap Lending" may be available when 100% financing cannot be secured in a traditional manner.

Lending Resources

City of Portsmouth
Community Development Office
740.354.5673
www.ci.portsmouth.oh.us

Scioto County
Economic Development
740-355-1274
www.sciotocountyohio.com

Community Action Committee of Pike County, Inc
Business Development
740.289.2371
866.820.1185
www.pikecac.org

Ohio Valley Regional
Development Commission
740.947.2853
800.223.7491
www.ovrdc.org

Southern Ohio Growth Partnership
740.353.7647