



# A GUIDE TO DOING BUSINESS IN *DOWNTOWN UVALDE*

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Welcome to Uvalde, Texas!

The Main Street Uvalde program wants your business to succeed in our community and we want to help you obtain the resources you need. We have created some helpful tips and steps to make the process of starting or opening your business as simple as possible.

## **1. Are you planning to operate as a “DBA”?**

You can obtain a “Doing Business As” form at the Uvalde County Courthouse from the County Clerk . For questions completing your forms, call 830-278-6614. The Uvalde County Clerk’s office is located at 100 N. Getty St.

## **2. About those taxes...**

You will need a Texas Tax Permit if you sell or lease tangible personal property or sell taxable services in Texas. To get more information and/or to apply for a permit, visit

[www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/permit](http://www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/permit).

## **3. Location, location, location**

Where are you planning to locate your business? Is it a retail or service business? Does your business rely on high visibility? Do you need office space? Uvalde has many locations to choose from. For help finding the perfect spot, contact the Uvalde Board of Realtors at 830-591-1500.

## **4. Permits, Signage and Approvals**

Let’s talk about the building you want to be in. The City of Uvalde has some requirements that impact your selected site. To get the answers to your questions, talk with the Planning and Development Office located in City Hall at 101 E. Main St. Uvalde, TX. Here are a few of the basics:

- Building Permits - If you’re going to remodel an existing building or build a new building, you’ll need a permit. Talk with the City Planning Department.
- Certificate of Occupancy - Anyone who is sited in a building needs a Certificate of Occupancy. The City Planning Department has those too.
- Signage and Other Exterior Changes- Uvalde’s historic downtown has design standards, so changes to the exterior of your building including signage must be approved by the Historic Preservation Office.

## Let's eat!

For you foodies who are going to tempt us with delicious eats, whether it's a restaurant, a food truck, or selling food items, you will need a food inspection and/or a food permit. For the a location in the City of Uvalde, contact Marcella Zamarripa at 830-591-4389. For a location outside of the city, but in Uvalde county, contact Rick Coggins at 830-278-9255. They are busy people, so it is best to call ahead.

## About Downtown Uvalde:

Downtown Uvalde offers a variety of retail, business services, restaurants, events, and activities. Highlights include:

Historic buildings with plenty of charm and character

Unique stores and boutiques

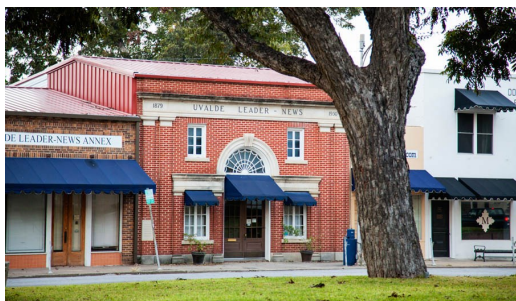
One of the oldest operating Opera Houses in Texas, featuring local productions, musical guests, and children's theatre

Regular events ranging from live music, theatre, special shopping events, and parades.

## Get in touch!

We would love to welcome you to the Downtown/Main Street Uvalde community. Call us today, email us, or come by to see us so that we can personally answer any questions and help you launch your business here!

Call 830-278-4115 or email [mainstreet@visituvalde.com](mailto:mainstreet@visituvalde.com)



## Business Resources: Contact us!

There are many individuals and institutions in Uvalde that are ready to assist you with other areas of your business to guide you along the path to launching your business. Here are some entities who can help you along the way:

Small Business Development Center - Sul Ross Rio Grande College 830-758-5024

Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce 830-278-3361

Uvalde Area Developmental Foundation 830-278-3216 (Judge William Mitchell)



## What we do at Uvalde Main Street

Mission: Uvalde's Main Street engages public and private partners in preserving and marketing the unique charm of our downtown area through historic preservation and innovative reinvestments in the heart of our community using the National Main Street Center's Four Point Approach of economic restructuring, design, organization, and promotion.

Our vision is to make Uvalde's Main Street District a vibrant, social, and commercial center for our community and region.

### Other services offered:

The Texas Main Street Program provides design assistance to official Main Street cities. These services are offered to individual building and business owners within the designated Main Street District at no charge. Services provided range from facade renderings to Investment Tax Credit Assistance. Businesses may contact the Main Street Program office at (512) 332-8996 or [mainstreet@visituvalde.com](mailto:mainstreet@visituvalde.com) to apply.

The Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission provides economic development assistance to participating Main Street cities. These services are offered to building and property owners as well as developers exploring investment opportunities within the designated Main Street District at no charge. Services range from SWOT analysis to Economic Impact Studies. Businesses may contact the Main Street Program office at (512) 332-8996 or [mainstreet@visituvalde.com](mailto:mainstreet@visituvalde.com) to apply.