## Starting a Business in the City of Cerritos Before you sign a lease or apply for a business license, contact the Current Planning Division at (562) 916-1201 to confirm zoning requirements. If your proposed business: If your proposed business: If your proposed business: • Is compliant with • Is compliant with zoning requirements • Is not compliant with zoning requirements • Meets parking requirements zoning requirements • Has physical changes to the building • Does not meet parking Meets parking requirements • May intensify the use requirements • Has no physical changes Planners will guide applicants through the • Has physical changes to to the building entitlement approval and permit process. the building • Does not intensify the use Will intensify the use Proposed project may require Apply for a Substantial review by the Planning Commission and City Council **Business License** building alteration? OR Conditional Use Permit required? Meet with Planner to discuss Application reviewed by the entitlement process the City: • Business License Division • Current Planning Division Apply for a Public Hearing(s) **Business License** Planning Commission City Council **Business License** approved Application reviewed by the City: Businesses that are not expressly • Business License Division listed as, or comparable to, • Current Planning Division **Open for business** a permitted or conditionally permitted use in the Cerritos Municipal Code are prohibited **Business License approved** in Cerritos and will be denied. ("Conditional Business If your business is permitted in Time frame for approval: License" pending tenant Cerritos, but is not appropriate at 7 to 10 business days improvements, sign permit, this location, discuss with a City and/or other permits) Planner as to why and possible Building permit(s) issued alternative locations. Submit building plans to **Open for business** Planning for Municipal Code If your business is permitted in compliance review and to Cerritos, Planning staff will assist Building & Safety for plan you with appropriate permit Time frame for approval and check review applications and guide you permit issuance from submittal through the permit process: of complete application: • Follow path "A" or

Final approval by Planning

• Follow path "B"

1 week to 3 months depending

upon project complexity