City of Columbia Business Licenses

for artists

The City of Columbia Business License Division assists business owners in obtaining their business license as well as a multitude of other services. They issue permits for various events such as group events, single event permits, garage sales, busker permits, extended operating hours permits and vehicles for hire permits.

Contact Information:
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 147, Columbia, SC 29217
Physical Address: 1339 Main Street (1st Floor), Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: 803-545-3345 | Fax: 803-988-8025
Office Hours: Mon-Fri - 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Business License Ordinance:

Application for a New Business License:
https://www.columbiasc.net/business-licensing/new

Retail License (artist) (Code: 077, SIC Code: n/a, other)
for artists that will only sell work in spaces like the Columbia Art Center or other gallery shows where buyers contact artists directly.

-Home address inside the City of Columbia:
  $24.20 for gross receipts below $10,000
  $1.20 additional for each additional $1,000 in sales (or fraction thereof)

-Home address outside the City of Columbia:
  $48.40 for gross receipts below $10,000
  $2.40 additional for each additional $1,000 in sales (or fraction thereof)

Upon renewal, the licensee will need to show paid taxes indicating income.

Profession License, Artist (Code: G99, SIC Code: 8949)
for artists that take commissions for work or do other work as an artist

-Home address inside the City of Columbia:
  $42.35 for gross receipts below $5,000
  $1.80 additional for each additional $1,000 in sales (or fraction thereof)

-Home address outside the City of Columbia:
  $84.70 for gross receipts below $5,000
  $3.60 additional for each additional $1,000 in sales (or fraction thereof)

Information on State Retail Licenses:
https://dor.sc.gov/tax/registration/faq

- One time fee of $50 and form SCDOR-111