



# GREEN TAPE



# BUSINESS GUIDE



## **Welcome to Belton, Texas!**

We are excited that you are considering opening a business in this wonderful community!

Located at the crossroads of Interstate Highway 35 and U. S. Highway 190, Belton is within 180 miles of every major market in Texas. It is also at the center of an emerging high-tech corridor between Austin and the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Belton is a proactive, business-friendly community at the center of the Temple-Killeen-Ft. Hood region, reaching a market of over 400,000 people. Belton continues to attract residential, commercial and industrial development that supports the professional and healthcare service sectors, government, consumer goods, advanced manufacturing, logistics, retail trade and business IT consulting services.

We are driven by our [Vision Statement](#):

***Belton is the Community of Choice in Central Texas, providing an Exceptional Quality of Life.***

To help the Belton business community grow and prosper, we have put together this *Green Tape Process* guide to make it easier for new businesses to navigate the planning and permitting process. The guide was developed with assistance from local businesses, Belton Economic Development Corporation, and Belton Area Chamber of Commerce. The guide does not answer every possible question, but it is a great reference on who to call for answers and where to start. We are confident the guide is a useful tool for future or existing business owners and will help avoid the *red tape*.

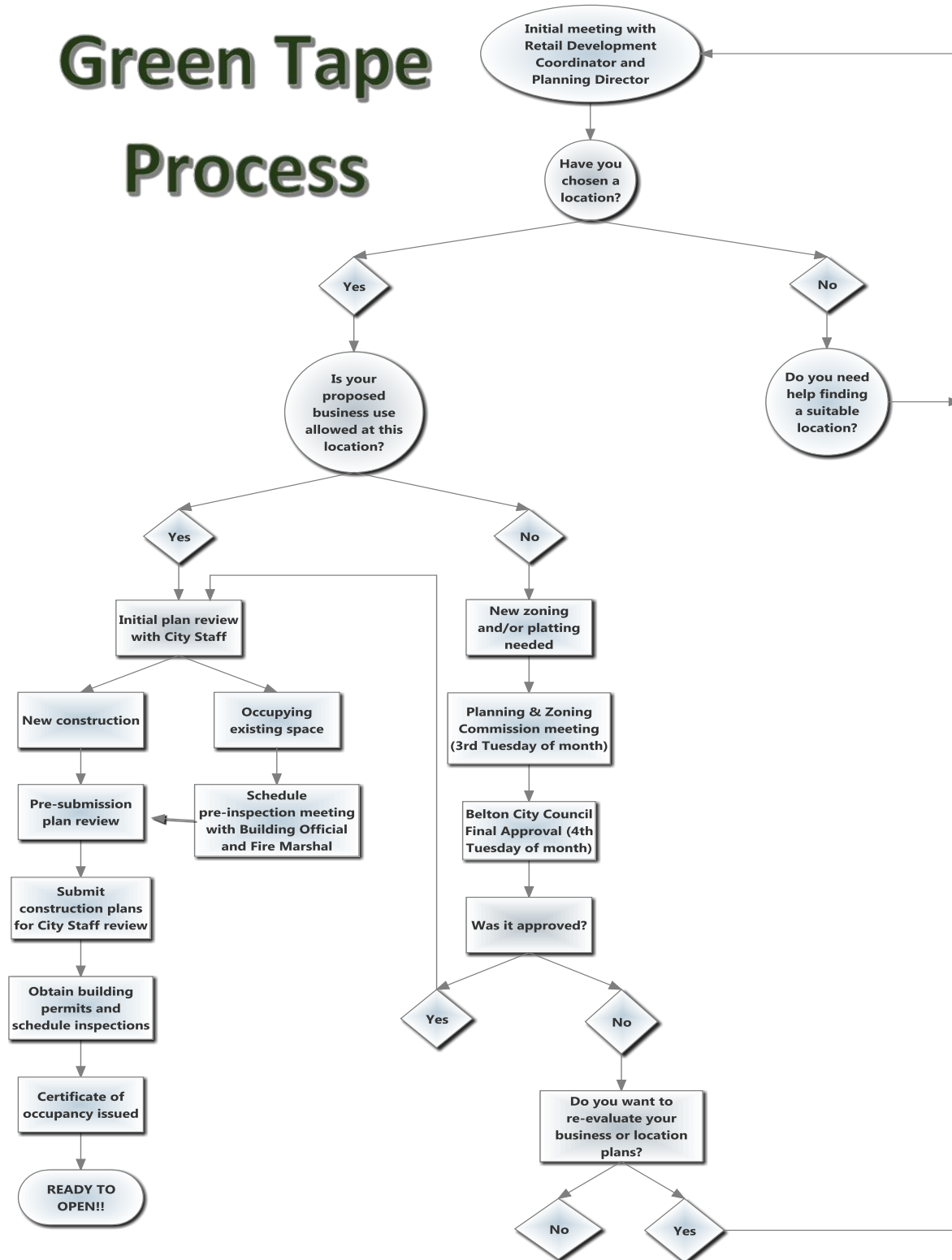
Our city staff and all of our local agencies are prepared to help you have a successful endeavor. Please feel free to call on us at City Hall, (254) 933-5819, if we can help you in any way. And welcome to Belton!

Sincerely,

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City of Belton  
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# Green Tape Process





## HELPFUL INFORMATION

City of Belton Home Page: <http://www.belontexas.gov/>

City of Belton Design Manual: <http://www.belontexas.gov/designmanual>

City of Belton Design Standards: <http://www.belontexas.gov/designstandards>

Planning Forms and Applications: <http://www.belontexas.gov/planningformsandapplications>

Planning and Zoning documents: <http://www.belontexas.gov/pandzdocuments>

Checklist for building a new structure or exterior renovations greater than \$20,000:  
<http://www.belontexas.gov/buildingapplicationchecklist>

### **BELTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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## **Helpful Links to Grants and Incentives**

This document lists links to grant programs and other incentives that may be useful when considering opening a new business in Belton or expanding an existing business. It is also useful for building owners who are considering upgrading their buildings.

**Training grants for new employees:**

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/businesses/skills-small-business-employers>

**City of Belton Facade Improvement Grant:**

<http://www.beltontexas.gov/facadeimprovementgrant>

**Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit:**

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/preservation-tax-incentives/texas-historic-preservation-tax-credit>

**Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program:**

<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/preservation-tax-incentives/federal-rehabilitation-tax-credit-program>

**Tax Incentives for Preserving Historic Properties:**

<http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm>