Starting a Business in Yuma

10 Reasons To Relocate Your Business To Yuma

1. **Workers Compensation** - Arizona enjoys extremely competitive workers compensation rates through the State Compensation Fund.
2. **Liability Insurance** - Arizona enjoys much lower overall Liability and Comprehensive rates than California.
3. **Arizona is a Right to Work Law State** - Arizona has unions, but membership is NOT mandatory.
4. **Environmental Rules** - Arizona’s environmental rules are much less restrictive than many cities, towns, counties, or the state.
5. **Utility Rates** - Yuma’s power provider is Arizona Public Service and rates are extremely competitive. Natural gas is provided by Southwest Gas.
6. **Acquiring Land** - Purchase or lease of land in Yuma County is comparatively inexpensive compared with California.
7. **Taxes** - State and local taxes in Yuma and Yuma County remain lower than neighboring states.
8. **Construction Costs** - Labor and material costs are lower in Yuma and Yuma County.
9. **Business Friendly Communities** - Yuma County is made up of business friendly communities and governments, and our growth rates reflect that.
10. **Overall** - Yuma provides great opportunities to operate a business and still make a profit.

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Yuma is a vibrant multicultural community that celebrates its rich heritage, surrounded by wide open spaces and pristine desert scenery - all with a river running through it.

A city of close to 100,000 residents, Yuma is located on the far west side of Arizona, close to the US/Mexico border. Outdoor activities, engaging community events, extensive retail and hospitality venues render Yuma a popular spot for tourists. **Bienvenida a Yuma!**

- City of Yuma Mayor Douglas Nicholls
The Arizona Small Business Development Center network provides comprehensive programs and services to guide and support the growth and development of local businesses. Our accredited and award winning services provide confidential no-cost, one-on-one advising to prospective or existing business and community members for your success.

Our Network utilizes high impact strategic initiatives designed to help Arizona small businesses achieve strong economic impact through: International trade assistance; Business incubator, accelerators, and co-working support; support for Veteran owned businesses; targeted assistance for technology businesses; and guidance with government procurement opportunities.

Quality training programs are also a part of our services. Our services are available through individual appointments, online counseling, or through the telephone, all at your convenience.

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Consider all of us at Greater Yuma Economic Development Corp, an extension of your team. We are your arbitrator with all local and state public agencies, we are Grantee of Foreign Trade (FTZ) 219, and we are prepared for every size project.

Let us serve you in your expansion and/or relocation needs. Greater Yuma EDC offers you a one stop shop for corporate site selection data, economic/demographic research trends and quality of life information along with a fully interactive GIS Site Locator tool that will guide you in locating the ideal real estate option.

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You have your plan.
Now make it official.

Is your business located within City of Yuma limits?

There are certain requirements for business ownership within the City limits. Below is a basic step-by-step guide to getting your license.

- You may request a business license application in person, by mail, or by fax (completed applications cannot be returned by fax). There are two types of applications: Regular Business License Application and/or Home Occupation Business License Application.
- You will need to return the completed application packet to the Business License Office. The application will be reviewed by city staff to determine if the application can be approved or disapproved based upon its location and your type of business.
- Food related businesses are required to see the Yuma County Health Department and provide a copy of their health license.
- It should be noted that many people are unaware that even small, home-based businesses located inside the City or those that come into the City to conduct business are required to be licensed before conducting business.
- After the application has been reviewed, you will be contacted by our staff and, if approved, the appropriate fee will be required before processing.
- You will receive your new license by mail. The license must be displayed so that it can be easily seen at your business location.
- License fees are dependent upon the type or classification of your business.

For more information about City of Yuma business licenses, visit www.yumaaz.gov.

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Every nomad needs an oasis.

Yuma’s first co-working space for aspiring entrepreneurs!

The Yuma County Library has partnered with local economic development centers and Arizona State University Entrepreneurship Outreach Network to create a collaborative work space at the Yuma County Main Library. The ‘Coworking Oasis’ hosts a variety of entrepreneurship, start-up, and small business programs for the public. Programs will be provided in the Coworking Oasis room and 2nd floor classroom depending on participant group size.

The Coworking Oasis is free and open to the public for start-up and business related activities. The space cannot be reserved by the public, and there is no time limit to use the space. If, however, there is a scheduled program on the room calendar, that is the only time the space is reserved for business programming. The area is equipped with a dedicated Wi-Fi connection with a password, a mobile dry erase board, a collaborative computer/media station, and access to library resources. If you would like to use any of the equipment found in the room please ask a library staff member for assistance.

ASU Startup School is a series of facilitated workshops wherein entrepreneurs learn what they need to do in order to develop a successful venture. There are three stages to ASU Startup School: customer development, enterprise development, and team development.

You can attend either online or facilitated lessons. Both are free. Facilitated lessons are available at the Yuma County Main Library. Registration is not required but is recommended. All of the online course material follows closely with the facilitated class.

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