

START AND GROW YOUR RESTAURANT IN KENT



PLAN TO SUCCEED
Formulate a strong business plan
Concept
Business Structure
Financing
Marketing
Consider Hiring Expertise

LOCATION MATTERS
Evaluate potential locations
Location Checklist
Understand the Pitfalls:
Land Use, Zoning & Occupancy
Outdoor Seating
Fire Sprinklers & Alarms
Hoods & Grease Treatment
Consider Hiring Expertise

GET LICENSED
Register and apply for licenses
Register Business Structure
Business Licenses (City and State)
Federal Identification
Specialty Licenses
Consider Hiring Expertise

TRANSFORM IT
Develop your floor plan and get your permits in order
Health Department Plan Review
Land Use & Zoning Permits
Construction & Trade Permits
Sign & Right-of-way Permits
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FINAL PREP
Last steps towards opening your doors
Hire & Train Employees
Food Service Operating Permit
Final Inspections & Approvals

YOU'RE IN BUSINESS
What to expect in your first year
Taxes
Employer Reporting
Ongoing Requirements & Inspections

RESTAURANT ROADMAP
KentWA.gov/Restaurants

