



Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed is a Renewal Business License Application for the 2026 business year. If you are planning to do any business in Wasco, you are required to fill out the application completely and return it with the appropriate fees no later than January 31, 2026. Any application and fees received after January 31, 2026, will be subject to a 10% penalty fee, and an additional 10% penalty fee for each month delinquent thereafter.

In addition, section 5.04.60 of the Municipal Code also states the following:

To all delinquent license taxes, there shall be added a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the tax due, plus an additional ten percent (10%) for each month delinquent thereafter providing that the amount of any penalty shall in no event exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the license tax due.

If your company will no longer be conducting business in Wasco, it is very important that you fill out the Business License Renewal Form and initial the Non-Renewal Statement.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience. Our office hours are Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm closed for lunch from 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm and Fridays from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm closed for lunch from 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm and closed every other Friday.

Sincerely,

Finance Department

City of Wasco
764 E Street
Wasco, CA 93280
661-758-7230
ar@cityofwasco.org



Estimado Propietario de Negocio,

Incluida esta una Solicitud de Licencia de Negocio para la renovacion del 2026. Si usted planea enhacer cualquier negocio en Wasco se requiere llenar la solicitud completamente y devolverla con los honorarios correspondientes a lo mas tardar el 31 de Enero de 2026. Cualquier solicitud y honorarios recibidos despues del 31 de Enero de 2026 estaran sujetos a una penalidad del 10%, y a una penalidad de 10% adicional por cada mes delincente despues.

El artículo 5.04.60 del Código Municipal también establece lo siguiente:

A todos los impuestos de licencia morosos se añadirá una penalización del diez por ciento (10%) del monto del impuesto adeudado, más un diez por ciento adicional (10%) por cada mes de moroso a partir de entonces, siempre que el importe de cualquier sanción no exceda en ningún caso del cien por cien (100%) del importe del impuesto de licencia adeudado.

Si su empresa ya no realizara negocio en Wasco, es muy importante que complete el Formulario de renovacion de licencia commercial y pongo sus iniciales en la Declaracion de "no renovacion."

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comunicarse con nosotros como le sea conveniente. Nuestro horario de oficina es de Lunes a Jueves 8:00 am-4:30 pm cerrado para el almuerzo de 12:00 pm a 12:45 pm y Viernes de 8:30 am a 4:30 pm cerrado para el almuerzo de 12:00 pm 1:15 pm cerrado Viernes alter-nos.

Sinceramente,

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Important Changes to the 2026 Business License Renewal Application

For businesses located **within city limits**, please note the following updates for the **2026 renewal process**:

- Business Owners must now include their **American Refuse account number** and the **date of your most recent Annual Fire Clearance Inspection** on the **first page** of the renewal application.
- A copy of the **“Granted” Fire Clearance Report** must be **attached** to your renewal application at the time of submission.

If your building has **not received an Annual Fire Inspection within the last 12 months**, it is the **business owner’s responsibility** to contact the **Kern County Fire Department (KCFD)** at **(661) 391-3310** to schedule an inspection.

Please note that **renewals will not be processed** without the required **Granted Annual Fire Clearance form**.

For questions regarding the fire clearance process, please contact the **Planning Department** at **(661) 758-7200**.

Enclosed is a Business License Renewal Form for the year of 2026. If you are still planning to do any business in Wasco you are required to fill out the renewal form completely and return it with the appropriate fees no later than January 31, 2026. Any application and fees received after January 31, 2026 will be subject to a penalty of 10% of the tax due plus an additional 10% for each month delinquent thereafter.

If you are no longer going to be engaged in business in Wasco it is very important you fill out the Non-Renewal Form enclosed and send it back with your company name, signature, and a short statement stating you will no longer be doing business within the City of Wasco city limits.

Payments are accepted by phone with a debit/credit card, by mail with a check/money order and in person with cash, debit/credit card and check/money order. Be advised if sending renewal application and payment by mail please ensure the application is complete and the amount of the payment is correct to avoid any delays in receiving the business license certificate.

SB 1383:

**SHORT LIVED
CLIMATE METHANE
AND POLLUTANTS
LAW**

Organic Waste Examples:

*(excludes Multi-Family Units)

***FOOD WASTE**



***FOOD-SOILED PAPER WASTE**



GREEN WASTE



NON- HAZARDOUS WOOD WASTE



SB 1383 - DID YOU KNOW?

As of January 1, 2022, ALL Commercial Businesses and Multi-Family Properties (with five or more units) are required by law to have recycling and organic waste recycling. If you do not currently have these services with American Refuse, you will not be in compliance with State Law and business license will not be renewed.

If recycling services are canceled your business license will be revoked.

To sign up for service, call American Refuse today at 661-758-5316.

For more information on State Law Senate Bill (SB) 1383 please visit:

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp>



Business License Renewal Form

MAIL TO:
City of Wasco
Attn: Business License Dept
764 E Street
Wasco, CA 93280

OFFICE USE ONLY

CID _____
BL _____
BILL _____

• **Business License Effective: January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026**

• **10% Penalty after January 31, 2026 for all late submittals and each month thereafter.**

Business Information

Business Name	Date Business Opened
Corporate Name (if applicable)	Business Phone No.
Business Address (List address to receive service of process per AB2184, §16000.1(a)(2) and 16100.1(a)(2))	Business License No.
Mailing Address (if different from above)	American Refuse No.
E-mail	Date of Fire Inspection:

If your previous fire clearance inspection occurred more than 12 months ago, please contact KFCI at (661) 391-3310.

If there are NO changes to your current business operations, please initial all three statements below.

If there are any changes in business ownership, business operations or Commercial Recycling please contact the City at

(661) 758-7231 or complete the City of Wasco Business License Application Form available online.

_____ I acknowledge that my business ownership has not changed from the previous year.

_____ I acknowledge that my business operations have not changed from the previous year.

_____ I acknowledge that my business operations continue to Comply with the City of Wasco Commercial Recycling Ordinance and State Regulation Requirements.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION DECLARATION

I have and will maintain a certificate of consent to self-insure for Worker's Compensation, as provided by Section 3700, for the duration of any business activities conducted for which this license is issued.

I certify that in performance of any business activities for which this license is issued I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to become subject to the worker's compensation laws of California, and agree that if I should become subject to the Worker's Compensation provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, I shall forthwith comply with the provisions of Section 3700.

I have and will maintain Worker's Compensation insurance, as required by Section 3700, for the duration of any business activities conducted for which this license is issued. My Worker's Compensation insurance carrier and policy number are: Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

WARNING: Failure to secure Worker's Compensation coverage is unlawful and shall subject an employer to criminal penalties and civil fines up to \$100,000. In addition to the cost of compensation, damages as provided for in Section 3706 of the labor code, interest and attorney fees.

If you are no longer conducting business in the City of Wasco, please initial the Non-renewal statement below.

NON-RENEWAL: I am no longer conducting business in the City of Wasco

By signing this application, I agree to abide by all ordinances of the City of Wasco, including but not limited to the ordinance set by the City of Wasco relating to operation of business, and certify under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct. Willfully falsifying information will result in revocation of the business license.

Print Name

Signature

Date

City of Wasco

FEE CALCULATION

Penalty for Delinquent Fee: To all delinquent license fees there shall be added a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the fee due plus an additional ten percent (10%) for each month delinquent thereafter providing that the amount of any penalty shall in no event exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the license fee due.

BASE FEE **1 X \$35.00** **= \$35.00**

CA State Fee **1 X \$1.00** **= \$1.00**

PLUS(+)

No. of Employees (In Wasco) _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

No. of Coin Machines/
Pool Tables/Delivery Trucks _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

No. of Residential Units _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

No. of square feet
Commercial _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Fats, Oils and Grease Fee _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL=\$

Business Type

Base Fee

Unit Fee Amount

General Fee Rates	\$35.00 plus	\$20.00 times the number of persons engaged in such business
Residential Property Rental	\$35.00 plus	\$10.00 per unit of dwelling in excess of 3 units
Non-residential Property Rental	\$35.00 plus	\$10.00 per 1,000 sq. ft. or fraction thereof
Real Estate Brokerage	\$35.00 plus	\$20.00 per each sales person and employee
Dance Hall Operator	\$35.00 plus	\$330.00 flat annually
Vehicle Wrecking Facility	\$35.00 plus	\$330.00 flat annually
Christmas Tree Lot Sales Operation	\$35.00 plus	\$330.00 flat annually
Commercial Advertising	\$35.00 plus	\$330.00 flat annually
Commercial Advertising Vehicle Activity	\$35.00 plus	\$35.00 per each vehicle
Fortunetelling	\$35.00 plus	\$552.00 flat annually
Junk Dealer	\$35.00 plus	\$552.00 flat annually
Auto Dismantling	\$35.00 plus	\$552.00 flat annually
Pawnbroker	\$35.00 plus	\$552.00 flat annually
Secondhand Dealer	\$35.00 plus	\$330.00 flat annually
Itinerant Vendor	\$35.00 plus	\$552.00 flat annually
Commercial Solicitors	\$35.00 plus	\$552.00 flat annually
Curb Painters	\$35.00 plus	\$20.00 per day per person
Carnival Operator	\$35.00 plus	\$275.00 flat daily
Amusement Machine Activity	\$35.00 plus	\$10.00 per each machine
Vending Machine Activity	\$35.00 plus	\$10.00 per each machine
Transient Outdoor Business	\$35.00 plus	\$110.00 flat daily
Food Vending Machine	\$35.00 plus	\$552.00 flat annually
Contractor (w/ gross receipts under \$50,000.00 in City of Wasco)	\$35.00 plus	\$20.00 flat annually
Contractor (w/gross receipts over \$50,000.00 in City of Wasco)	\$35.00 plus	\$20.00times the number of persons engaged in such business
Non-profit / Charitable Organizations	\$35.00	

City of Wasco

Business License Supplement

SB 205 Compliance

(For Businesses Inside the Wasco City Limits only)

Pursuant to SB 205, businesses applying for an initial business license or business license renewal that are subject to the NPDES permit program under the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards are required to demonstrate enrollment with the NPDES permit program by providing specified information on the Business License application.

To determine if your business is subject to NPDES requirements please read below from the State Water Resources Control Board Website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/)

“Do you discharge pollutants from a point source to a water of the United States? If so, you need an NPDES permit.

As authorized by the [Clean Water Act \(CWA\)](#), the NPDES Permit Program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. Point sources are discrete conveyances such as pipes or man-made ditches. Examples of pollutants include, but are not limited to, rock, sand, dirt, and agricultural, industrial, and municipal waste discharged into waters of the United States. See [section 122.2 of 40 Code of Federal Regulations \(C.F.R.\)](#) for the actual definitions of point source, pollutant, and water of the United States.

The NPDES Program is a federal program which has been delegated to the State of California for implementation the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional through Water Boards), collectively Water Boards. In California, NPDES permits are also referred to as waste discharge requirements (WDRs) that regulate discharges to waters of the United States.”

If your business is not subject to NPDES requirements, please initial the statement below and return this form with your Business License Application.

_____ I certify under penalty of perjury that my business is not subject to NPDES Requirements

If your business is subject to the NPDES permit program, you must complete the requested information below under penalty of perjury, in accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 16000.3, and return this form with your Business License Application:

Business and Professions Code Section 16000.3.

(a) When applying to a city for an initial business license or business license renewal, a person who conducts a business operation that is a regulated industry, as defined in Section 13383.5 of the Water Code, shall demonstrate enrollment with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program by providing all of the following information, under penalty of perjury, on the initial business license or business license renewal application:

Facility Name _____

Facility Location _____

Primary SIC Code _____

Please provide one of the following:

Waste Discharger Identification Number (WDID)

WDID application number _____

Notice of non-applicability identification number

No exposure certification identification number