



DOING BUSINESS IN
THE BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOC K E N

### **WELCOME**

Conshohocken is a vibrant, one-square mile borough with big city conveniences. It has quickly developed into a hub of residential and commercial activity, becoming one of the most important professional centers in Montgomery County. Located on the banks of the Schuylkill River, Conshohocken is just 15 miles from Center City Philadelphia and within close proximity to many leading colleges and universities. It is also within Colonial School District, which ranks among the best public school districts in the Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware region.

Conshohocken's main street is lined with bustling businesses and restaurants, making it a walkable destination to residents and visitors. The Schuylkill River Trail, SEPTA regional rail and bus lines also run through Conshohocken providing easy access to and from the Borough.

Alongside the development, Conshohocken has preserved its traditions. The Borough hosts many annual events from Funfest, the July Fireworks, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Soap Box Derby. Conshohocken also offers many recreational opportunities through its eight parks, active Community Center, and the Schuylkill River Trail. The Borough of Conshohocken has a rich history and will continue to evolve, making it a desirable spot to live, work and play.





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# STARTING YOUR BUSINESS IN CONSHOHOCKEN

Thank you for considering the Borough of Conshohocken as your new home.

The Conshohocken Borough Administration will be your first point of contact for new businesses and developers looking to provide commercial and residential opportunities or established businesses looking to invest and expand within the Borough.

THE BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN INVITES PROSPECTIVE BUSINESSES TO CONTACT OUR ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A WELCOME MEETING AT 610-828-1092.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!

### **BOROUGH MANAGER**

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Another good resource is the PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED). This department works with the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Community Development and Licenses and Inspections departments to ensure all appropriate agencies are working to guide the applicant (s) through the process of establishing themselves in the Borough of Conshohocken.

Please feel free to contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at any time as you navigate through starting your business in the Borough of Conshohohocken.

https://dced.pa.gov/



### LET US HELP YOU

### FOR ALL BUSINESSES

The Borough of Conshohocken welcomes the opportunity to assist you by offering our resources as a guide through your endeavor. We invite you to contact us to schedule a welcome meeting with the appropriate borough officials.

### **AS YOU PLAN**

We encourage you to talk with the Borough Manager, Borough Zoning Officer/ Executive Director of Operations / PA DCED and/ or the Montgomery County Health Department (if your business will sell or handle food) before you invest money in your business or finalize your plans. If you are occupying an entire building or a tenant space and plan to change any walls, doors, electrical fixtures, plumbing fixtures, ceilings or signage, etc. we can help you navigate through zoning and building code regulations.



### WELCOME MEETING **BOROUGH** Why Conshohocken **MANAGER** Available Borough services Engineering, planning & land use Fees **Parking** Registering your business & additional resources Marketing & growth opportunities Incentives **EXECUTIVE Borough Operations** DIRECTOR OF Overview OPERATIONS/BCO Licenses & Permits Inspection Process **Building Codes** Health Code Approval **Emergency Services** Zoning Compliance & ZONING OFFICER Regulations **Zoning Districts** Zoning Application & Fees (If Applicable) **Business Signage**

### **BOROUGH SUPPORT TEAM**

### **BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN**

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### **BOROUGH SERVICES**

#### **FEES**

Every application, permit, license and certification will require a fee.

Fee schedules can be found at: http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/media/38305/2019-Fee-Schedule.pdf

#### **CONFIRM DESIRED ADDRESS**

Check with Borough Administration to confirm your new business address. The Borough of Conshohocken shares a zip code (19428) with three municipalities.

### SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

If your business requires new construction, then your proposed plans need to adhere to the Borough's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance. Prior to submitting an application, we encourage you to contact the Office of the Borough Manager to inquire and schedule a pre-submission meeting.

Information regarding Subdivision and Land Development can be found at: <a href="http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/community-services/engineering,-planning-land-use.aspx">http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/community-services/engineering,-planning-land-use.aspx</a>

#### **ZONING**

Before you invest or lease a property or business, contact our Borough Zoning Officer to determine if the proposed use is permitted in the applicable zoning district.

We encourage you to start the zoning process early to avoid any unforeseen issues.

Information regarding Zoning can also be found at: <a href="http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/community-services/zoning-community-development.aspx">http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/community-services/zoning-community-development.aspx</a>

### REQUESTING A ZONING VARIANCE/ SPECIAL EXCEPTION/CONDITIONAL USE

If your business is requesting relief from the zoning code, you'll need to complete a Zoning application, pay the applicable fees and appear before the Zoning Hearing Board for approval.

Information regarding Zoning filing procedures can be found at: <a href="http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/media/29308/zoning-application-filing-procedures.pdf">http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/media/29308/zoning-application-filing-procedures.pdf</a>

\*NOTE: Depending on scope of project, departments may work conjunctively and/or simultaneously together.



#### **BUILDING PLANS**

Be sure to check with the Borough Code Official or the Commercial Building Inspector to determine the type of building plans needed for your construction.

Sealed plans may be required depending on scope of project.

### LICENSES, INSPECTIONS & BUILDING CODE

To operate a business in Conshohocken Borough, you will need to apply for a Use & Occupancy Permit. This permit is required for every new business even if you do not plan on making any physical changes to the property.

If you are making physical changes to the property, you will need to apply for building permits <u>BEFORE</u> you begin work. Depending on work to be performed, separate permits may be required. You may also need plans or drawings prepared by an architect or engineer.

License & Inspections will conduct inspections as work proceeds throughout the project, with the issuance of a Use & Occupancy certificate upon completion.

Permit applications can be obtained from the L&I Department on the Borough's website at: <a href="http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/citizen-resources/documents,-forms-permits.aspx">http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/citizen-resources/documents,-forms-permits.aspx</a>

# THE OPPORTUNITY

### LIVE. WORK. PLAY.

With more than 50 bars and restaurants, coffee shops, miles of riverside trails, parks, convenient public transportation, excellent employment opportunities and luxury residential communities, Conshohocken is a haven for those seeking a vibrant walkable "live-work-play" experience. The Borough of Conshohocken is densely populated with a growing office market. Thus, making it the Millennials choice for suburban living. As a result, office demand by employers who seek this employment base continues to flourish.

Conshohocken offers all of the benefits of an urban setting (easy access to public transportation, notable corporate neighbors, walking distance to many amenities) while offering the appeal and convenience of a suburban address. The Borough of Conshohocken has an abundance of unique history but also has embraced change and growth resulting in a dynamic and diverse community that continues to evolve.

### EXPLORING PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH'S - CONSHOHOCKEN

The Borough of Conshohocken had the opportunity to highlight our Borough's many cultural and recreational amenities, our parks and Community Center, as well as the businesses and Conshohocken attractions that make our Borough so special. The video was featured on (PA Cable Network) PCN's cable channel and the PSAB (PA State Association of Boroughs) website and can be viewed at <a href="https://vimeo.com/309483579">https://vimeo.com/309483579</a>.

We hope you enjoy exploring Conshohocken!



### **LOCATION**



# LOCAL TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS

Conshohocken is situated in a transitoriented location. The Borough is
within a three-minute walk to the
Conshohocken train station, which
services the Manayunk/Norristown
SEPTA Regional Rail line that runs to
and from Center City Philadelphia.
Two major SEPTA bus routes, which
run through the Borough, also
provide further accessibility to the
greater Philadelphia region. In
addition, Conshohocken is just
minutes away from key intersections
of Interstates 76 (Schuylkill
Expressway) and 476 (Blue Route),
providing another direct connection
to Center City Philadelphia and
throughout the region.
Conshohocken is also only a 30minute drive to the Philadelphia
International Airport.



### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### PA DCED

Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 4th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225 1.833.722.6778

https://dced.pa.gov/

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

P.O. Box 311 Norristown, PA 19404-0311 610.278.3000

Hours: 8:30am – 4:15pm

www.montcopa.org

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1430 Dekalb St. Norristown, PA 19404 610.278.5117

https://www.montcopa.org/513/Health-Department

### (Real Estate Taxes – School & County) DOMINIC A. COCCIA, JR.

619 Maple Street Conshohocken, PA 19428 610.825.1617 610.825.8644 (fax)

### (Local Earned Income Taxes) BERKHEIMER ASSOCIATES

Bridgeport Borough Hall 63 W. 4th Street Bridgeport, PA 19405 610.599.3139 / 610.588.0965 610.588.5765 (fax) Office Hours:

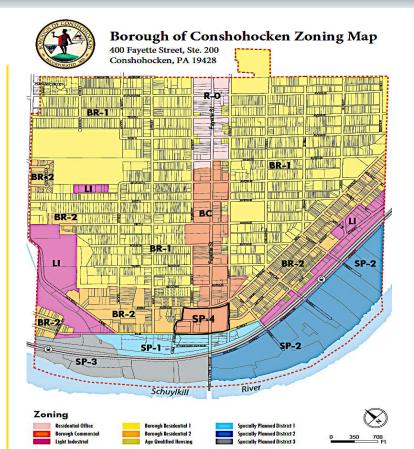
M-F 9am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 4pm <u>www.hab-inc.com</u>

(Business Privilege & Mercantile Local Services Taxes)

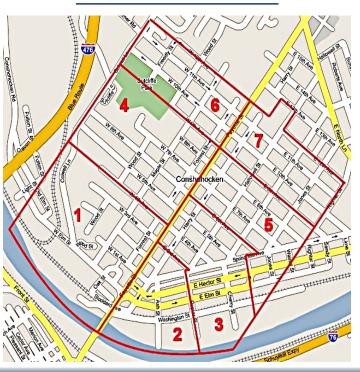
### TRI-STATE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

P.O. Box 38 Bridgeport, PA 19405-0038 610-270-9520 610-270-9522 (fax)

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### WARD MAP



### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

#### **OBTAINING A HEALTH CODE APPROVAL**

APPLICABLE FOR BUSINESSES SELLING/HANDLING FOOD

Businesses that sell, serve and/ or prepare food items are classified as "food establishments" and must be licensed and approved by the Montgomery County Health Department prior to opening in Conshohocken Borough.

Contact the Health Department's Environmental field services office by calling 610.278.5117 to identify what you will need to do to comply with the health code and obtain your license. The Health Department requires that you have a plan review before doing any remodeling or construction. If you plan to sell or handle food, you must contact the Montgomery County Health Department at the same time you contact the Borough. You can visit the Montgomery County Health Department's website by visiting: <a href="https://www.montcopa.org/513/Public-Health">https://www.montcopa.org/513/Public-Health</a>

#### LICENSING AND INSPECTIONS

Food establishments are highly regulated in the United State to prevent sickness. Establishment regulations specify how food storage, preparation areas and equipment should be set up and how systems like water supply and sanitation should be installed and maintained. All establishments located in Montgomery County must have a valid Montgomery County Office of Public Health (OPH) License to Operate a Food Service Establishment. The license must be posted in a conspicuous place. The license is not transferable.

The goal of the Environmental Field Services food protection program is to protect the citizens who eat in licensed establishments from foodborne illnesses. This is accomplished by cyclical food service facility inspections, plan review, foodborne disease outbreak investigations, identification of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), inspection of mobile food vendors, and the implementation of food handler certification for managers and/or operators.

All new and renovated facilities must go through the plan review process. Properly prepared plans and specifications should be submitted to OPH for review and approval before construction, remodeling, or conversion of an existing structure. OPH will provide the applicant with a written approval, denial, or request for additional information within 30 days of receiving a license application and completed plan review packet.

### REGISTERING YOUR BUSINESS

### BUSINESS ENTITY NAME, SALES TAX LICENSE, TAX WITHOLDING, & UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

ALL BUSINESSES

You'll need to register your new business entity name with the State of Pennsylvania and obtain a sales tax license. As an employer you will also have tax obligations such as tax withholding and unemployment compensation. To learn more and get the necessary forms, contact the PA Department of Revenue at 717.787.1064 or by visiting their website at: <a href="https://www.revenue.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.revenue.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>

# EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) ALL BUSINESSES

If you plan to hire employees, you will need to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the United State Internal Revenue Service (IRS). For an application, contact the IRS at 800.829.4933 or apply online at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small">www.irs.gov/businesses/small</a>.

#### **BOROUGH TAXES**

The Borough of Conshohocken has three tax partners.

- Dominic Coccia Real Estate Taxes Property, School & County
- Berkheimer Associates Local Earned Income Tax
- Tri-State Financial Group, LLC Business Privilege & Mercantile Local Services

Contact information can be found on Page 7

### PA BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP

Another resource to register your business is PA Business One-Stop Shop. The Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop is a state government office equipped with knowledge, information, and resources for businesses both large and small. Serving as the first point of contact for Pennsylvania business development concerns, our team helps connect and guide businesses through all stages of development — from planning and startup to operating and expanding. Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur or existing business, they provide complete, customer-focused service backed by firsthand knowledge and experience.

Contact them at 1.833.722.6778 or by visiting their website at <a href="https://business.pa.gov/index.html">https://business.pa.gov/index.html</a>

### GOVERNMENT

### Borough of Conshohocken Council Members



WARD 1
Karen Tutino, Member
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515 Harry Street



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20 W 6th Avenue



WARD 5

Jane Flanagan, Member
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Voting Location: Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2
819 Fayette Street



WARD 6
Robert Stokley, Senior Member
610.636.7230
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Voting Location: Borough Hall
400 Fayette Street



WARD 7
Colleen Leonard, President
610.322.0386
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Voting Location: A.A. Garthwaite Stadium (A-Field)
East 11th Avenue & Harry Street

# U.S., PA & Montgomery County Elected Officials



Senator Robert Casey 2000 Market Street, Suite 610 Philadelphia, PA 19103 215.405.9660 | www.casey.senate.gov



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**Lt. Governor John Fetterman** 508 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120 717.787.2500 www.portal.state.pa.us



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#### **Montgomery County Commissioners**

- Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, Chair
- Kenneth Lawrence, Vice Chair
- Joseph Gale, Commissioner

#### **Montgomery County Government**

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**District Attorney**: Kevin Steele Court House, 4th Floor

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Treasurer: Jason Salus, 610.278.3066

Register of Will: Bruce Hanes, 610.278.3400

Recorder of Deeds: Jeanne Sorg, 610.278.3289

**Solicitor**: Joshua Stein, 610.278.3033 **Public Safety**: Tom Sullivan, 610.631.6500

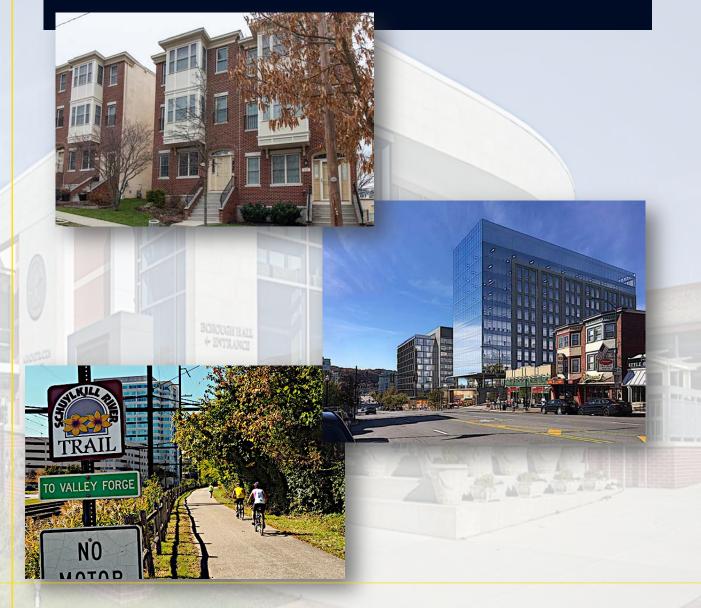
Health & Human Services: Tara Gaudin, 610.278.5800

Voter Services: Lee Soltysiak, 610.278.3280 Veterans Affairs: Dennis Miller, 610.278.3285

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