

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STARTING A NEW BUSINESS OR GROWING AN EXISTING BUSINESS?

## Direct Business Startup Assistance

**The Small Business Center** provides  
FREE services to prospective and existing  
small businesses in Wilson County.

### Services include:

- **Business Counseling**
- **Free Business Seminars, Webinars,  
and Workshops**
- **SBC Library Resources**
- **SBC Client Resource Room**

To register for counseling or for  
online seminars, contact:

#### Small Business Center

252-246-1232

msevans@wilsoncc.edu



For a list of free seminars, visit:  
[www.wilsoncc.edu/sbc](http://www.wilsoncc.edu/sbc)

## Other Business Resources

### Upper Coastal Plains

#### Business Development Center

252-234-5952

### GiG East Exchange

252-296-3474

[info@gigeast.com](mailto:info@gigeast.com)

### Wilson Chamber of Commerce

252-237-1065

[www.wilsonNCchamber.com](http://www.wilsonNCchamber.com)



**DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SPECIALIST**

**252-299-4776**

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**WILSON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**GUIDE TO REDEVELOPMENT**

# FIRST STEPS TO REDEVELOPMENT

## 1) CONTACT CITY STAFF

### Local Staff Want to Help

- **Check Zoning On The Address**

Does the proposed business type align with the current zoning and usage as designated in the Unified District Ordinance?

Contact: Land Development

- **Determine whether a "Change of Use" is necessary.**

What was the most recent business usage? Are you proposing changing the type of usage? Are you familiar with the Development Compliance Certificate (DCC)?

Contact: Land Development

- **Setup a pre-meeting**

Before signing a lease or contract, determine if your plans are allowable and/or feasible for the property.

Contact: Construction Standards

### STAFF CONTACT INFO:

#### Land Development:

[wilsonnc.org/construction-standards](http://wilsonnc.org/construction-standards)  
252-399-2220

#### Construction Standards:

[wilsonnc.org/land-development](http://wilsonnc.org/land-development)  
252-399-2220

## 2) CONSULT AN ARCHITECT

### A Good Architect Is Key

- While a pre-meeting can provide you with insight as well as build familiarity and rapport, design plans are necessary for feedback
- An architect will be familiar with current code requirements for your business type and the necessary upfit required
- Architectural plans are also helpful for marketing available lease space during redevelopment

#### EXPERIENCED\* ARCHITECTS:

\*(Completed work in Historic Downtown Wilson in the past 12 months.)

Hood Herring Architecture:  
[hoodherringarchitecture.com](http://hoodherringarchitecture.com) | 252-399-2700

Errol Warren, Jr.:  
[errolljwarrenarchitect.com](http://errolljwarrenarchitect.com) | 252-977-7787

Maurer Architecture:  
[maurerarchitecture.com](http://maurerarchitecture.com) | 919-829-4969

Dawson Construction:  
[charlesdawson75@gmail.com](mailto:charlesdawson75@gmail.com) | 252-265-0035

Union 3 Studio, Inc.:  
[union3studio.com](http://union3studio.com) | 240-603-1177

## 3) CHOOSE A CONTRACTOR

### Pick A Contractor Who Can Execute

It is best practice to:

- Obtain at least three (3) quotes from various contractors based on your plans/design
- Select a contractor with experience working on commercial properties and historic buildings
- Encourage your contractor to meet with city staff throughout the project

#### EXPERIENCED\* GENERAL CONTRACTORS:

\*(Completed work in Historic Downtown Wilson in the past 12 months.)

Mid South Roofing  
and Construction, LLC:  
[midsouthrc.com](http://midsouthrc.com) | 252-365-4463

Barnes & Boyette Construction:  
[barnesandboyette.com](http://barnesandboyette.com) | 252-205-3084

Dawson Construction:  
252-265-0035

Hill Building Contractors, Inc.:  
[hillbuildingco.com](http://hillbuildingco.com) | 252-237-8855

Remediation:  
252-373-1891