Business Licenses

Description:

Registered businesses in the City of Berkeley with business license records

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- Source Link: http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/businesslicense/

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All businesses operating in the City of Berkeley are required to have a current business license for each location, and renew the license annually. If you are opening a new business, buying an existing business, or transferring a business to your ownership, you must apply for a new business license under your name. For an overview of the City's business license requirements please visit this link: http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/businesslicense/.

All business license records listed in this data set indicate that the business has successfully applied for a business license. Business licenses with a status of 'Active' indicate that the license has been successfully renewed for the current year with all fees paid in full. Each year, all 'Active' licenses change status to 'About to Expire' on November 1st as a way to distinguish licenses that are not

expired, but have not been renewed for the upcoming year. These licenses with an 'About to Expire' status change to 'Expired' status on December 31st of each year. All City of Berkeley business licenses expire on the same day: December 31st. All businesses are required to renew their business license and pay business license fees before the February 28th due date. Businesses that report their most recent gross receipt information to renew their license before the February 28th due date will have a license with a status of 'Payment Pending' until all fees are paid. If the fees are paid before the February 28th due date, the license status will be 'Active' again. If the fees are not paid before the February 28th due date, the license status will change to 'Delinquent' on March 1st. Businesses with a status of 'Delinquent' indicate that the business has outstanding business license fees after the February 28th due date. A business license status of 'Unreported' indicates that the business has not reported gross receipts for one or more years. A business license status of 'Closed' indicates that City of Berkeley has been notified that the business has closed, and will not be renewing their license in the future.

Businesses can report gross receipts and pay applicable fees at anytime in order to update the license status to 'Active', but there may be additional penalty or interest fees due.

All business licenses in the City of Berkeley have the same expiration date and due date for applicable business license fees, and there is an element of seasonality to this data set. The period of November – February is generally considered to be the business license renewal season.

Some businesses listed may have more than one license because they operate in more than one location. Listed businesses are those that are located in the City of Berkeley or have contracts for service within the City of Berkeley.

The business license office hours are Monday through Thursday for receiving customers with new or renewed license registration. Applications are also accepted through the mail. As applications are processed the information is added or updated within the database system. The open data portal reflects the most current license status as published on previous business day.

Tabular Data Descriptions

Column Name	API Field Name	Comment
APN	apn	APN is the acronym for "Assessor's Parcel Number". Note, "Z"s in this field represent a business that is not physically located in the City of Berkeley.
Minority_Owned	minority_owned	Indicates whether business is minority owned
Female_Owned	female_owned	Indicates whether business is female owned
RecordID	recordid	License number, unique
BusDesc	busdesc	Detailed description of type of work performed
B1_PER_SUB_TYPE	b1_per_sub_type	Record type for internal classification

DBA	dba	DBA is the acronym for "Doing Business As" the commonly known business name.
Naics	naics	The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy. Further information can be found at the US Census Bureau http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/.
TaxCode	taxcode	A new Business License application must reflect an accurate classification of the business activity, and your annual BLT renewal payment is based on the corresponding rate (based on gross receipts, rents, or other business-specific income). Current list of classifications and tax rates is listed here: http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/Finance/Home/Business_Licenses__Classifications__Tax_Rates.aspx.
Employee_Num	employee_num	Number of Employees
Bus_Own_Type	bus_own_type	Type of business ownership structure (i.e. corporation, LLC, sole ownership, etc)
B1_BUSINESS_NAME	b1_business_name	Name of Business
B1_ADDRESS1	b1_address1	Business Contact Address Line 1
B1_ADDRESS2	b1_address2	Business Contact Address Line 2
B1_CITY	b1_city	Business Contact City
B1_STATE	b1_state	Business Contact State
B1_ZIP	b1_zip	Business Contact Zip
B1_CONTACT_TYPE	b1_contact_type	Business Contact Type (i.e. owner, co-owner, etc)
B1_FULL_ADDRESS	b1_full_address	Business Physical Street Address (if 0 Various then business is located elsewhere but operates in Berkeley without a physical location, i.e. contractor, etc).
B1_SITUS_CITY	b1_situs_city	Business Physical City "BERKELEY", used for mapping
B1_SITUS_STATE	b1_situs_state	Business Physical State "CA", used for mapping
B1_SITUS_ZIP	b1_situs_zip	Business Physical Zip
Business_Location	business_location	Location of Business in Berkeley (if 0 Various then business is located elsewhere but operates in Berkeley without a physical location, i.e. contractor, etc).