



Every for profit business operating in Beaufort County, including all four municipalities, is required to have a valid business license and pay an annual fee based on a percentage of the organization's annual gross income and calculated on a specified classification scale.

The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce has longstanding support for simplifying the process for all business. The standardization of the business licensing process will make it easier for a business to operate in different cities, towns and counties.

The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce also supports a bill that would establish one expiration date for a business license and the ability for a firm to file online.

Consideration should be given to standardizing the rate and classifications, the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce encourages the adoption of the NAICS code for business classification.