



Licensing Board for the City of Boston

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORTUNE TELLER LICENSES

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License Rules

- Fortune Teller Licenses are issued to **an individual** for a particular location and only allow that individual to operate under the License for that particular location. If the person is telling fortunes at multiple locations within the City of Boston, that person must obtain a License for each location. If other persons are telling fortunes at the same location, those persons must obtain their own License.
- Fortune Teller Licenses are not transferrable or assignable. Each person telling fortunes at a particular location must obtain a Fortune Teller License in their name.
- Fortune Teller Licenses are effective from May 1st of a given year through April 30th of the following year. They must be renewed annually by the end of April. Licenses not properly renewed are subject to late fees, suspension and/or cancellation. Annual fees are \$50.
- All persons licensed as Fortune Tellers must comply with the [Rules of the Board](#) and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Application Steps

1. **Community Process** -Contact your neighborhood liaison and meet with the local Neighborhood Association (www.boston.gov/ons) and speak with the District City Councilor (<https://www.boston.gov/departments/city-council>). This should be done prior to the hearing before the Licensing Board. (This can be done simultaneously with #2)
2. Please complete and submit this application with **all** of the documents from the checklist below. **Incomplete or illegible applications will NOT be accepted. Once completed, you may email it to LicensingBoard@boston.gov and Nancy.Mickiewicz@boston.gov.**
3. **Application Document Checklist:**
 - Copy of the lease agreement (in the business entity/applicant's name with address) or deed
 - An 8 ½ x 11 floor plan
 - Completed Personal Information Form(s)
 - Criminal Record Information Form(s) for the applicant, owner(s) of the business, manager of the business, and all employees of the business
 - Copy of the Licenses for all other Fortune Tellers at that location
 - Copy of the Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue
4. **Notify the Abutters** – A Licensing staff person will send you further instructions regarding the abutter's notification, legal ad, and hearing.
5. **Appear at the Licensing Board hearing.**
6. **Receive Licensing Board decision:** If the License is granted, a link to pay licensing fees will be emailed to you. The License will be emailed to you once paid, and must be posted at the place of business in a conspicuous place prior to being able to operate.

