

# WELCOME TO NORTH WILKESBORO

832 Main Street North  
Wilkesboro, NC 28659



[www.north-wilkesboro.com](http://www.north-wilkesboro.com)



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## ABOUT US

We're located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, thriving between two rivers and home to around 4,400 residents.

A true entrepreneurial spirit thrives here and throughout all of Wilkes County. Whether you're an artist, maker, musician, or builder, you'll find inspiration and a place to spread your wings and soar. We're a small town with a big heart, and we're glad you're here!

## LEADERSHIP

Mayor, Marc Hauser

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# Opening a Business in North Wilkesboro? Here's How!

## Local Grants Available to Small Businesses

Step 1

Obtain a Zoning and Sign Permit  
Where? Planning Department  
Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Step 2

Obtain any building permits  
Where? Building Inspections  
Office Town Hall, 1st Floor

Step 3

Sign up for utilities and trash/recycling  
Where? Town Hall, Main Lobby

Step 4

Schedule a Fire Inspection to obtain  
Certificate of Occupancy  
How? Call 336-838-2552



### Facade Grant Program

Provides funding to businesses in the CBD or downtown district to perform exterior repairs. This is grant-based and is not required to be repaid!

60/40 matching grant program with a max award of \$4,000 depending on building size.



### Mural Grant Program

Provides funding to businesses in the CBD or downtown district to install approved murals on an exterior wall of a building.

50/50 matching grant with a max award of \$2,000

*Now  
Open!*

## Additional Resources

### Wilkes Community College Small Business Center

Supports the development and growth of new and existing businesses by providing free and low-cost training, counseling, and other resources.

Website: [www.wilkescc.edu/sbc](http://www.wilkescc.edu/sbc)

Phone: 336.838.6100

### Willco NextGen Entrepreneurs

A group of forward thinkers, entrepreneurs, and others wanting to share ideas. Meets monthly at various locations.

Website: <https://wilkesedc.com/business/new-business/wilconge/>

### Wilkes Economic Development Corporation

Offers free resources, guidance, grants, and other incentives to help Wilkes County businesses grow and be successful.

Website: [www.wilkesedc.com](http://www.wilkesedc.com)

Phone: 336.838.1501

### Startup NWNC

An online platform offering training and resources for entrepreneurs in Wilkes, Ashe, and Alleghany counties.

Website: [www.startupnwn.com](http://www.startupnwn.com)

### Downtown North Wilkesboro Partnership

A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the historic preservation, protection, culture, and use of North Wilkesboro's traditional downtown area.

Website: [www.downtownnorthwilkesboro.com](http://www.downtownnorthwilkesboro.com)

Phone: 336.667-7129 ext. 3021

### Wilkes Chamber of Commerce

A paid membership organization that provides learning, networking, and marketing opportunities.

Website: [www.wilkeschamber.com](http://www.wilkeschamber.com)

Phone: 336.838.8662

### Downtown North Wilkesboro Merchants Association

A group focused on working in collaboration with member merchants, in partnership with local leadership, united in the goal of community engagement and economic growth within the downtown corridor.

Website: [www.nwmerchants.com](http://www.nwmerchants.com)

Phone: (336)462-9916