

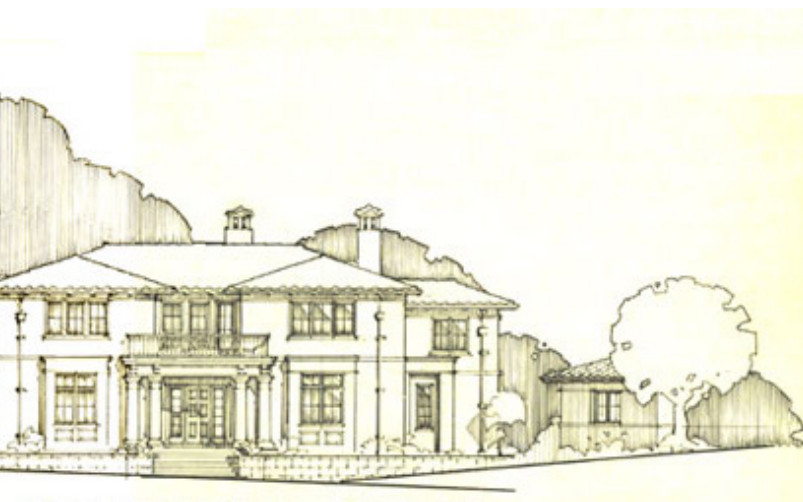
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If you are considering starting a new business or purchasing an existing business, developing land, building a new home, or opening a cafe, there is range of legislative requirements you may need to consider first.

The Council Services team is available to talk to you before you make an application or a commitment to a new project. Please contact Customer Services on 5355 0200 or ararat@ararat.vic.gov.au to make an appointment for any of the following officers.



Economic Development and Tourism

If you wish to discuss business options or need information and data on the local area or region, give our team a call to chat confidentially about the options to make your business a success.

Ken Howell – Manager Economic Strategy

John Watson – Small Business Development Officer

Belinda Jones – Events Development Officer

Building

A building permit is required for most construction work such as extension, renovations and new residences or outbuildings. Swimming pools and their fences also need permits.

Neil Povey – Municipal Building Surveyor

Greg Jackson – Assistant Building Surveyor

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Planning

A planning permit is required for changes to the use of land zoned under the Ararat Planning Scheme. This may include new buildings, signage, removal of native vegetation as well as external painting and other development that specifically requires a permit. Contact our team to check if your proposal triggers a planning permit

Joel Hastings – Manager Planning and Development

Paul Melenhorst – Statutory Planner

Environmental Health

Permits are needed for the alteration or installation of septic tanks. And registration is needed for businesses or community groups preparing food as well as any business involved with tattooing, beauty therapy, hairdressing and accommodation.

Michelle Wood – Environmental Health Officer

Design and Project Management

The Design and Project Management team are responsible for the design and delivery of Council projects including road, bridge, streetscapes, footpath, drainage and building works. Any development that may require the construction of this type of infrastructure should be discussed with the Design and Project Management team at an early stage.

Alison Tonkin –

Design and Project Management Coordinator

Assets

The Assets Department in Council is responsible for the cost effective operation, maintenance and upgrading of Councils assets. Developers are required to conform to Council standards to ensure works undertaken likely to impact or become Council Assets are approved by Council Officers.

Hanif Muhammad – Technical Services Officer

Links

Our website provides a range of information. Council has an extensive and up to date business directory on the website and all the necessary permits forms available for download. We suggest you visit:
www.ararat.vic.gov.au.

Planning Scheme maps and provision are available at: <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/ararat/home.html>

Developers are required to conform with the *Infrastructure Design Manual* which can be found online at: www.designmanual.com.au.