

Welcome to Historic Delano

Delano is one of Wichita's oldest neighborhoods which has recently undergone a renaissance. It's modern boundaries are the Arkansas River on the north & east, Meridian on the west and Kellogg(US-54) on the south.

Delano's proximity to downtown, along with it's colorful history and it's small-town atmosphere make it an attractive place to do business. It is within walking distance of the convention center, the Broadview and Hyatt hotels and the new Waterwalk development.

Historic Delano, Inc. was created to promote Delano as a destination spot for shopping and entertainment through a combination of events and promotions. We also work with business owners to help them promote their businesses in conjunction with our efforts.

Promoting your business

HistoricDelano.com - This web site contains a directory of Delano businesses, news, current events and some of Delano's colorful history.

Advertising is available to Delano businesses.

Online Business Directory - We maintain an online directory of Delano businesses, sorted by category: The Arts, Dining & Entertainment, Health & Wellness, Lodging, Schools & Churches, Services, Shopping, etc.

You may register for a free listing on our web site - or purchase a bold listing or ad space.

Annual Events - Historic Delano promotes events to attract people to Delano and show them what we have. Annual events include: the St. Patrick's Parade and Open Streets ICT.

Sponsorships are available to businesses.

Delano Organizations

Delano United (CDC)

Delano Clergy Association

Delano Neighborhood Association

Historic Delano, Inc.

Delano

Wichita's original entertainment district

Delano was a cowtown at the end of the Chisholm Trail in the late 1860s and quickly became infamous as a rough and rowdy place. Cowboys arriving from Texas with the herds spent their trail pay gambling, drinking and cavorting at Delano's many saloons and brothels. Gunfights were not uncommon.

Delano has gone through a lot of changes since it's days as a rough and rowdy cowtown. In 1880, after the cattle trade moved west to Dodge City, Delano was annexed by Wichita and developed quickly as "West Wichita." Real Estate sales soared.

In the 1890s the local economy shifted to agriculture, and after the turn of the century the aircraft industry sprang up. Early aviation pioneers Clyde Cessna, Walter Beech and Lloyd Stearman were all attracted to West Wichita as a location for their first factories.

In the 1960s Urban Renewal changed the character of Delano. Several of the old brick buildings along Douglas from the 1890s were lost. By the 1980s the commercial district was in decline and there were a large number of empty storefronts.

The character of Delano has changed once again. Today many of the vacant buildings have been fixed up and leased. Since 2010, over 100 new businesses have opened, bringing a new energy and vitality.

The commercial district is now an eclectic mix of trendy shops, restaurants and art galleries tucked in between older "mom and pop" businesses of all sorts.

Major events like the St. Patrick's Parade and the Open Streets ICT event attract a lot of people who later come back to spend more time. Smaller events, like the Thursday Night Pub Pedal or the monthly Final Friday Art Crawl and 2nd Saturday mean that once again there's always something to do in Delano.



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Helpful Information

City Government

Website - www.wichita.gov

City Council - 268-4331

Mayor - Jeff Longwell

District 4 - Jeff Blubaugh

District 6 - Cindy Claycomb

Law Enforcement

Patrol West - 661 N. Elder - 337-9400

Community Police Officer

Beat 12 - Ricky Tejeda

Beat 14 - Roddy Winder

Graffiti Hotline

Randy Sparkman - 268-4479

Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

The Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was developed through cooperation of Delano business, neighborhood and church leaders. The plan was adopted by the City of Wichita in 2003 as part of the Comprehensive Plan. The plan is designed to direct development in Delano to create a cohesive look and feel to the district, much as the Old Town plan does. The Plan is currently being updated.

Delano Neighborhood Design Guidelines

This is part of the Revitalization Plan which contains specific regulations governing new construction and any work done to the façade of existing buildings. There is also a section governing signage in the Delano district. If you plan to change the front of your building or put up a sign, check these guidelines first.

Delano United CDC

As part of the Plan, Delano United Community Development Corporation was formed as an umbrella group to coordinate activities between the various Delano organizations.

For more information on the Plan and Guidelines:
<http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/NR>

Code of Ordinances - Wichita, KS

While we can not provide a comprehensive list of all ordinances governing businesses, here are a few that business owners should probably be aware of (for more information, check the City's web site www.wichita.gov):

Live Entertainment & Cabaret Licenses

See Title 3: Business Regulations and Licensing, Section 3.08.030 subsection (a)

If you have any sort of live entertainment on your premises, you need a Cabaret License. Licenses range in price from \$20 for 1 day up to \$100 for a full year.

Alcoholic Beverages

See Title 4: Intoxicating Liquors and Beverages, Section 4.04.040 subsection (b)

If you plan to have an open house where you will provide wine and cheese or something similar, you should know these things:

- you may not charge for the drink or mixer,
- drinks may not leave your premises, and
- you must abide by state laws governing liquor (including age restrictions).

Graffiti

See Title 5: Public Safety and Morals, Section 5.37.040

The main thing to be aware of is that it is your responsibility to notify the police, let them take a photograph and THEN clean or cover it up.

Smoking

See Title 7: Public Health, Chapter 7.56

This ordinance was recently adopted and prohibits smoking in public places, *including businesses*. You should read it if you wish to allow smoking. The main points are:

- a permit is required if you allow smoking,
- no one under the age of 18 is allowed where smoking is allowed, and
- no smoking within 10 feet of any entrance

Sidewalk Sales

See Title 10: Streets and Sidewalks

You may only hold one sidewalk sale per year and it cannot be longer than 3 days. Also you must not block the sidewalk with your wares.

Awnings and Canopies

See Title 23: Awnings, Canopies and Marquees

A permit is required if you wish to install or to alter an existing awning or canopy. Also, this chapter has specific requirements as to the size and construction of these structures, as well as what may be advertised on them.

Signs

See Title 24: Billboards and Signs

A permit is required for both permanent and temporary signs, with the exception of window signs on a commercial building. There are numerous restrictions on size & construction.

The Delano Neighborhood Design Guidelines also contain restrictions on signs, so consult that document as well (see inside front cover).

Zoning

See Title 28: Zoning

Zoning in Delano is governed by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code as well as the Delano Neighborhood Overlay District: <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/NR>

Neglected Buildings

See Title 30: Neglected Buildings

This chapter relates to buildings which have broken or boarded up windows or doors, or any other appearance of disrepair. It is the building owner's responsibility to take care of these issues in a timely manner.

You can find the full text of the ordinances at: <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=14166&sid=16>