



HEALTH / FITNESS FACILITIES GUIDE



HEALTH/FITNESS FACILITIES

DEFINED AS FITNESS CENTERS, GYMNASIUMS, HEALTH AND ATHLETIC CLUBS INCLUDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: AEROBICS, INDOOR SAUNA, SPA OR HOT TUB FACILITIES, INDOOR TENNIS, HANDBALL, RACQUETBALL, ARCHERY AND SHOOTING RANGES AND OTHER INDOOR SPORTS ACTIVITIES.


HEALTH/FITNESS FACILITIES [PERSONAL TRAINING]


DEFINED AS A PERSONAL SERVICE USE FOR WEIGHT TRAINING WHERE EACH CLIENT IS PROVIDED A PERSONAL TRAINER, TRAINING IS AVAILABLE ONLY BY APPOINTMENT, AND FACILITIES ARE LIMITED TO WEIGHT TRAINING MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT, AND SHOWERS.


STUDIOS

DEFINED AS SMALL SCALE FACILITIES WITH ONE CLASSROOM/INSTRUCTION SPACE, TYPICALLY ACCOMMODATING ONE GROUP OF STUDENTS AT A TIME, IN NO MORE THAN ONE INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE. THESE INCLUDE FACILITIES FOR: INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN THE ARTS; GYMNASTICS STUDIOS WITH NO OTHER FITNESS FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT; YOGA; AND PILATES.


FIND A LOCATION


 Health/Fitness Facilities, Health/Fitness Facilities [Personal Training], and Studios are allowed within any commercial zone including Neighborhood Commercial (CN), Community Commercial (CC), Arterial Commercial (CA), and Regional Commercial (CR). Health/Fitness Facilities require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) regardless of the commercial zone, while Health/Fitness Facilities [Personal Training] and Studios are permitted in all commercial zones.


 Taking over a space that was previously a Health/Fitness Facility can save time and construction costs, as long as the previous tenant had recently passed inspections and was in compliance with current requirements.


 Before signing a lease, please speak with the City's Planning Division to understand zoning and the City's Building & Safety Division to understand building codes. Call (323) 848-6475 or visit City Hall at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

PLANNING REQUIREMENTS


 Health/Fitness Facilities require 10 parking spaces per 1,000 ft². Health/Fitness Facilities for Personal Training require 4 spaces per 1,000 ft². Studios with classes up to 10 students at a time require 5 spaces per 1,000 ft². Studios with more than 10 students per class require 10 spaces per 1,000 ft².


 Taking over a space that was previously a health/fitness facility will help with parking, as the demand will be the same and providing additional parking won't be necessary. The case is the same for other uses that require the same or less amount of parking as Health/Fitness. A planner can help you make this determination.


 To find out where Health/Fitness Facilities are allowed, click here to view the Zoning Map.


 To learn more about planning requirements, click here to search the Zoning Ordinance.

BUILDING REQUIREMENTS


 The work needed to get your tenant space ready to open can vary from business to business. Some businesses require very minimal work, and some will require a more involved process like changing the floor plan to better suit the new business. In all cases, you will need plans drawn to show the changes that you will be making to your new space. These plans will go through a plan check process to make sure that they meet various code requirements.


 Start with bringing your plans to the Planning Division counter and have a planner review your plans. They will be able to tell you the next step in your plan check process.


 If you are installing a new sign, you will need to obtain a Sign Permit. After consulting with a licensed sign contractor, fill out a Sign Permit Application.


 Click here to find the permits and applications you need.

BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

 Register your business with the City by obtaining a Business Tax Certificate. A Health/Fitness Facilities operating within the City of West Hollywood is required to obtain a Business Tax Certificate and pay an annual Business Tax.

 Click here to download the Business Tax Certificate Application.

 Some Health/Fitness Facilities, like health clubs and massage technicians, require a regulatory business license. Please contact the Business License Officer at (323)848-6375 to find out if this applies to your business.

 Once you've reached this step, your business will proceed through plan check for approval.