

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



BEELINE FRANCHISING LIC

Department of **Business Oversight**

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The franchise is the right to own and operate a business that provides, through a mobile shop and at customers' locations, service and repair of bicycles, parts and accessories, sale of new bicycles and, at our direction, service, repair and sale of other personal recreational items and related services under the "Beeline Bikes®," name and marks.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Beeline Bikes franchise is \$53,200 to \$61,950 per mobile shop. This includes \$19,250 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates.

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Peter Buhl at Beeline Franchising ELC, 1100 Industrial Road, #7, San Carlos, California 94070, (855) 582-4537.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on this Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH THE FRANCHISOR BY ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION ONLY WITHIN 50 MILES OF OUR THEN-CURRENT PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS (CURRENTLY, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA). OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH THE FRANCHISOR IN CALIFORNIA, THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT CALIFORNIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTION AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. YOUR SPOUSE MUST SIGN A GUARANTY AND ASSUMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS, EVEN THOUGH YOUR SPOUSE HAS NO OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS. THIS GUARANTY WILL PLACE BOTH YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL ASSETS, INCLUDING YOUR HOUSE, AT RISK IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.
- 4. YOU MUST COMPLY WITH MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PRICES SET BY THE FRANCHISOR FOR THE GOODS AND SERVICES YOU SELL. THIS REQUIREMENT MAY REDUCE YOUR ANTICIPATED REVENUE AND NET INCOME.
- 5. WE HAVE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT NOT BE ADEQUATE TO FUND OUR PRE-OPENING OBLIGATIONS TO EACH FRANCHISEE AND PAY OPERATING EXPENSES.
- 6. WE HAVE A LIMITED FRANCHISE OPERATING HISTORY TO ASSIST A PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE IN DECIDING TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT.
- 7. YOU MUST MAKE MINIMUM MONTHLY ROYALTY AND TECHNOLOGY PAYMENTS, REGARDLESS OF YOUR SALES LEVELS. YOUR INABILITY TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR FRANCHISE AND LOSS OF YOUR INVESTMENT.

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8. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

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