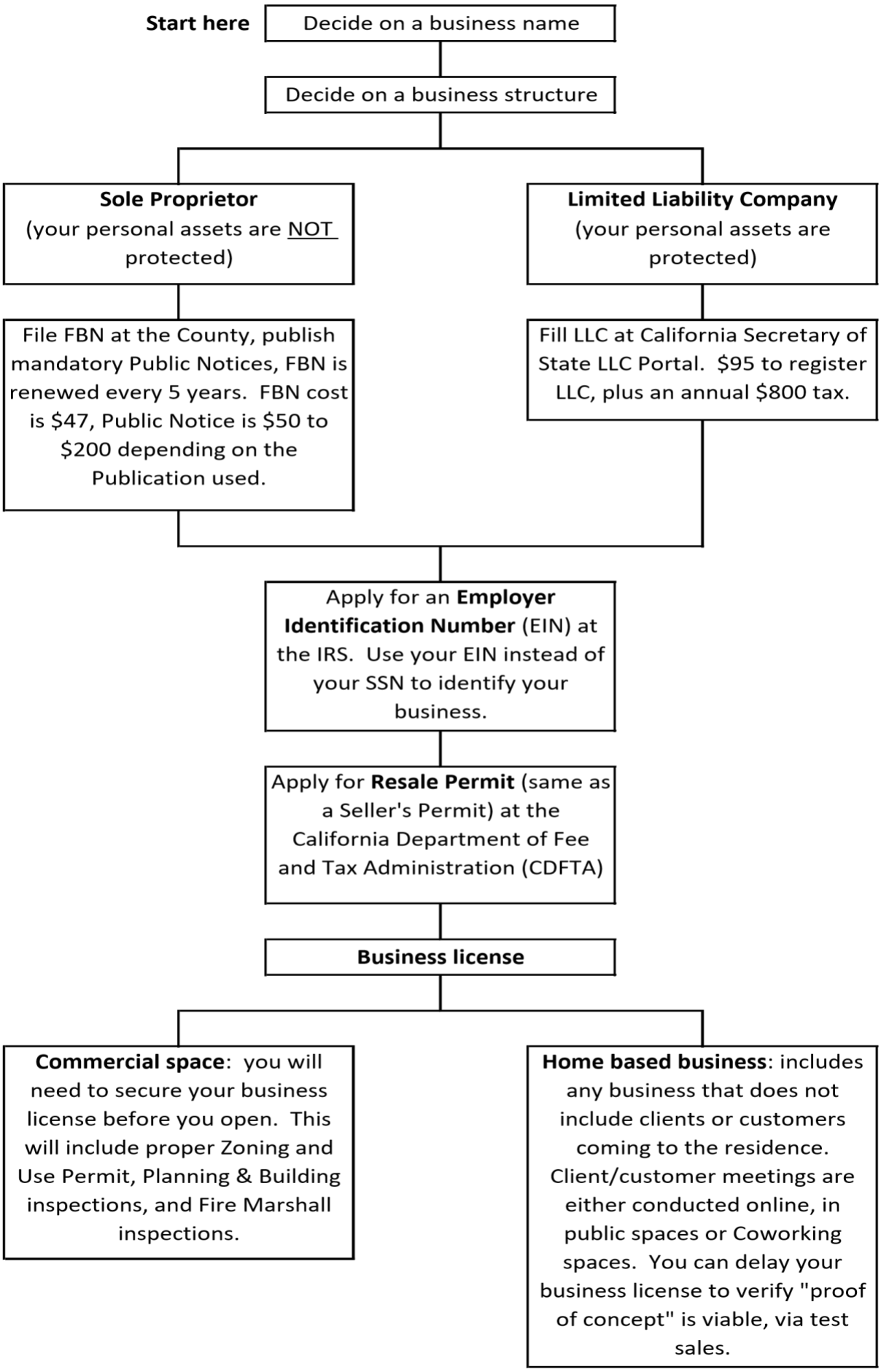
Start here
Decide on a business name
Decide on a business structure
Sole Proprietor (your personal assets are NOT protected)
Limited Liability Company (your personal assets are protected)
File FBN at the County, publish mandatory Public Notices, FBN is renewed every 5 years. FBN cost is $47, Public Notice is $50 to $200 depending on the Publication used.
Fill LLC at California Secretary of State LLC Portal. $95 to register LLC, plus an annual $800 tax.
Apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) at the IRS. Use your EIN instead of your SSN to identify your business.
Apply for Resale Permit (same as a Seller's Permit) at the California Department of Fee and Tax Administration (CDFTA)
Business license
Commercial space: you will need to secure your business license before you open. This will include proper Zoning and Use Permit, Planning & Building inspections, and Fire Marshall inspections.
Home based business: includes any business that does not include clients or customers coming to the residence. Client/customer meetings are either conducted online, in public spaces or Coworking spaces. You can delay your business license to verify "proof of concept" is viable, via test sales.