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## **Harbor Freight Tools to Open New Store in Former Staples Building**

(BRISTOL, CT: April 15, 2020) – At last night’s City Council meeting, Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu updated the Council members on Harbor Freight Tools anticipated opening this summer. The new store is slated for the former Staples building, located at 871 Farmington Avenue and will be the tenth Harbor Freight Tools store in Connecticut.

The 24,000-square-foot store will stock a full selection of tools and accessories in categories including automotive, air and power tools, storage, outdoor power equipment, generators, welding supplies, shop equipment, hand tools and more. Harbor Freight’s hand tools come with a lifetime warranty.

In the coming months, Harbor Freight Tools plans to hire a number of full- and part-time positions for the new Bristol store, including sales and stocking associates, supervisors and managers. To apply, visit [harborfreightjobs.com](http://harborfreightjobs.com).

“The City of Bristol has been working with Harbor Freight Tools for the last several months to finalize site specific issues and their participation in the tax abatement program,” said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. “This 4-year abatement was an important component in filling this retail space, and will allow them to invest in some much-needed infrastructure improvements that are needed for their specific build-out.”

“We are pleased they have chosen Bristol as the location for their ninth store here in Connecticut. As a family-owned business with over 1,000 stores throughout the country, offering homeowners, businesses, and contractors a new affordable option for purchasing tools as well as providing a number of people an opportunity to work for them is a win-win for Bristol,” stated Justin Malley, the City’s Economic & Community Development Director.

### **About Harbor Freight Tools**

For more than 40 years, Harbor Freight Tools has been America’s go-to source for affordable tools. The family-owned company started in Southern California in 1977, when 17-year-old Eric Smidt began transforming his father’s small phone sales business into a successful mail order company. That first year, Eric bypassed the resellers and cut deals directly with factories, realizing that if he could buy tools directly for less, he could pass the savings on to the customer.

The company opened its first store in 1980, and today Harbor Freight Tools has over 1,000 stores across the country, 20,000 employees and more than 40 million customers who depend on Harbor Freight's quality and value to earn a living, repair their homes and cars and pursue their hobbies. Harbor Freight Tools is one of the nation's fastest growing retailers, opening two new stores every week.

Still privately owned by Smidt and based in Calabasas, California, Harbor Freight Tools has remained true to its humble beginnings. The stores are clean but simple, designed to be welcoming to a worker right off the jobsite and packed with deals and treasures so every visit discovers a new find – always at an unbeatable price.

For more information about Harbor Freight Tools, visit [harborfreight.com](http://harborfreight.com). Follow the company on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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