



Home Occupation INFORMATION

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ALL HOME OCCUPATIONS

All Home Occupations must comply with the following standards (Section 4.04):

1. Home Occupations are permitted as an accessory use in all residential dwelling units. However, if the Home Occupation attracts customers, clients or students to the premises for sales or services, it will be prohibited in multi-family dwelling units.
2. Home Occupations must be incidental & secondary to the residential use of the property.
3. The operator must live in the unit in which the home occupation operates.
4. No structural alterations are allowed to your residence to accommodate the business.
5. Garages cannot be used for Home Occupations.
6. The Home Occupation cannot cause a significant increase in traffic or need for parking.
7. Deliveries of Merchandise associated with the Home Occupation should not go beyond what is typical of a residential delivery. Shipping and/or delivery, using semi-tractor, and/or trailer trucks, shall be prohibited.
8. Home Occupations can not have more than one (1) identification sign, which cannot exceed two (2) square feet in area.
9. The business must be completely contained within your residence (including storage).
10. Retail sales, and the display of commodities, goods, and/or inventory, on-premises, are prohibited.
11. No toxic, explosive, flammable, radioactive or other restricted or hazardous material shall be used, sold or stored.
12. The business can not generate any noise, vibrations, smoke, dust, odor, heat, glare or electrical interference with radio or television transmission in excess of that which is normally produced by a dwelling unit.
13. Home Occupations exclude providing lodging to persons who are not family members.
14. Minor Home Occupations **DO NOT** require a conditional use permit. Major Home Occupations **DO** require a conditional use permit.



Additional requirements for the establishment and operation of home occupations, as an accessory use, are provided in Section 4.04 of the City's Ordinance.

MINOR HOME OCCUPATIONS

Your business qualifies as a **Minor Home Occupation** if it meets all of the following conditions:

1. The total area used for the Home Occupation does not exceed one (1) room, or ten percent (10%) of the total floor area, whichever is less.
2. You do not have non-residents employed on the premises.

Additional requirements for the establishment and operation of home occupations, as an accessory use, are provided in Section 4.04 of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Examples of Minor Home Occupations (Section 4.04):

- Architectural service
- Art restoration and studios
- Consulting services
- Childcare, in-home daycare
- Data processing
- Direct sale distribution
- Dance instruction, individual
- Drafting and graphic services
- Engineering service
- Financial planning, investment services
- House cleaning service
- Insurance sales or broke
- Interior design
- Mail order, not including retail sales from premises
- Music instruction, individual
- Office, professional, religious, sales
- Real estate sales or broker
- Tutoring, individual
- Writing, computer programming

If your business meets these conditions, **you DO NOT need to apply for a Conditional Use Permit.**

MAJOR HOME OCCUPATIONS

Your business qualifies as a **Major Home Occupation** if it meets all of the following conditions:

1. The total area used for the Home Occupation does not exceed two (2) rooms, or twenty percent (20%) of the total floor area, whichever is less.
2. The number of non-residents employed on the premises is not to exceed one (1), unless otherwise determined by the conditional use permit.

Additional requirements for the establishment and operation of home occupations, as an accessory use, are provided in Section 4.04 of the City's Ordinance.

Examples of Major Home Occupations (Section 4.04):

- Appliance repair, minor
- Barber and beauty shop, single-chair
- Boarding house, bed & breakfast
- Childcare, group daycare
- Dance and music instruction, up to six students at one time, classes/group
- Foodservice, catering
- Limousine service, not more than two vehicles
- Medical or dental offices
- Small engine repairs, excluding automobiles, motorcycles, and snowmobiles
- Tutoring, classes/groups
- Upholstering and furniture repair
- Veterinary services

If your business meets these conditions, **you MUST apply for a Conditional Use Permit.**