



Home Occupations

Pursuant Section 17.206(8)(s) of the City Zoning Ordinance

Home occupations are activities that are conducted for financial gain entirely within a residential home. Most home occupations are permitted and are classified as either a minor home occupation or a major home occupation. In general, the following rules apply to all home occupations:

- ✓ The home occupation cannot occupy more than 25% of the home floor area.
- ✓ The home occupation cannot be conducted in/on a garage, shed, deck, patio or porch.
- ✓ Only people living in the home may be employed or engage in the home occupation.
- ✓ Shall not serve more than one (1) client at a time
- ✓ Any traffic generated by the home occupation shall be minimal and normal for a residential neighborhood.
- ✓ No outdoor storage is permitted.
- ✓ A minor home occupation may have one (1) non-illuminated sign not exceeding two (2) square feet in area (sign permit required).
- ✓ Cannot create a nuisance (noise, odor, vibrations, etc.)

Major home occupations are classified as not meeting one (1) or more of the above requirements and require a conditional use permit with Plan Commission approval. Minor home occupations can be approved by the City Planner. Examples of minor and major home occupations include:

Minor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby Sitting• Bookkeeping• Desktop Publishing• Computer Services• Dressmaking• Piano Teaching• Telephone Marketing• Attorneys• Architects• Individual Insurance Agent• Individual Real Estate Agent

Major
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beauty Shop• Construction Trades• Dance Studio• Insurance Agencies• Photographic Studios• Real Estate Brokerages• Small Engine Repair• Electrical Appliance Repair• Servicing of Motor Vehicles• Business employing up to 2 non-resident employees

Prior to starting a home occupation, please contact the City Planner at (262) 569-2166 to discuss the details of your proposed business.