

Home Occupations (Home Based Businesses)

Home Based Businesses are permitted within various residential areas of the City. In order to obtain approval for a home based business, you must satisfy the criteria below. If the business requires physical construction/alterations to structures a building permit may be required.

Where permitted, Home Occupations shall only be in single detached dwellings and shall:

1. have a floor area of the dwelling unit which is devoted to the home occupation which does not exceed 30 square metres;
2. have no visible indication from the exterior that a home occupation is being carried out in the dwelling unit and/or accessory building, except for one (1) non-illuminated fascia sign which shall not exceed 0.4 square metres in area;
3. not permit the retail sale of goods not produced or manufactured on the premises, medical, health or dental offices, clinics, hospitals, veterinary hospitals, barber shops, beauty parlors, dress shops, automobile repair shops, woodworking shops, welding shops, taxi dispatch and depot, tea rooms, restaurants, tourist home and kennels;
4. not generate off-site electrical interference, dust, noise, smoke or traffic;
5. not permit any external storage of materials or containers to indicate to persons outside that any part of the premises is being used for a home occupation;
6. not permit any outside animal enclosures;
7. be conducted in a portion of the same dwelling unit in which the family resides;
8. not employ or have involved in the Home Occupation any more than one assistant, employee, or associate who is not a member of the family residing on the premises;
9. provide two (2) parking spaces, in addition to the normal parking space requirements of the zone;
10. not permit a Group Home, Neighborhood Daycare Centre, Tourist Home, and Accessory Dwelling Unit on the property.