

**Sec. 14-410. Home occupation.**

*Purpose.* The purpose of home occupations is to allow the secondary and incidental use of a residence for the conduct of appropriate occupations whose external activity levels and impacts are so limited as to be compatible with the residential character of the neighborhood.

- (a.) In connection with the operation of a home occupation within a dwelling unit, the following requirements shall be met:
1. A home occupation shall not occupy more than five hundred (500) square feet of floor area or more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total floor area of such a dwelling unit, whichever is less, or in the case of licensed family day care homes, or home babysitting services, to accommodate not more than six (6) children plus two (2) children after school and having no nonresidential employees;
  2. There shall be no outside storage of goods and materials nor shall there be exterior displays, or display of goods visible from the outside;
  3. Storage of materials related to the home occupation shall count as a part of the occupancy limitations in subsection (a)1 above, but shall not constitute a dominant part of such occupancy provided, however, storage of such materials or products in garages or other accessory structures is prohibited;
  4. Exterior signs shall be limited to one (1) non-illuminated sign not exceeding a total area of two (2) square feet, affixed to the building and not projecting more than one (1) foot beyond the building;
  5. Any exterior alterations to the residence shall be compatible with the architecture of the building and maintain the residential appearance by virtue of exterior materials, lighting, and signs;
  6. *Off-street parking:* Off-street parking is required as provided in division 20 (off-street parking) of this article;
  7. The home occupation shall not produce offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust or other particulate matter, odorous matter, heat, humidity, glare or other objectionable effects;
  8. There shall be no more than one (1) nonresident employed in the home occupation, provided, however, family day care or home babysitting services shall have no nonresident employees;
  9. No traffic shall be generated by the home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood;
  10. No motor vehicle exceeding a gross vehicle weight of six thousand (6,000) pounds shall be stored on the property in connection with the home occupation.
- (b.) No residence shall be occupied, altered or used for any home occupation except the following:
1. Accountants and auditors;
  2. Answering services (telephone);
  3. Architects;
  4. Artists and sculptors;

5. Authors and composers;
  6. Computer programming;
  7. Custodial services;
  8. Custom furniture repair and upholstery;
  9. Dentists, doctors, therapists, and health care practitioners;
  10. Direct mail services;
  11. Dressmakers, seamstresses and tailors;
  12. Engineers;
  13. Family planning services;
  14. Hairdressers (limited to no more than two (2) hair dryers);
  15. Home crafts, such as model making, rug weaving, lapidary work, cabinet making, weaving, ceramics;
  16. Interior decorators;
  17. Lawyers, justices of the peace and notary publics;
  18. Licensed family day care home or babysitting services;
  19. Musicians or music teachers, including group instruction not to exceed six (6) students at any time but not including performances or band rehearsals, which shall meet the following requirements in addition to those set forth in subsection (a) of this section:
    - a. Electronic amplification is prohibited;
    - b. The applicant shall demonstrate that noise attenuation is provided which minimizes perception of sound at property lines at all times during the use. Noise attenuation measures may include, but are not limited to, insulation, double-pane windows, air conditioners or any combination of these or similar noise attenuation measures;
    - c. Hours of operation shall be limited to 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
  20. Office facility of a minister, rabbi, or priest;
  21. Photographic studios;
  22. Professional counseling and consulting services;
  23. Professional research services;
  24. Sales persons provided that no retail or wholesale transactions are made on the premises;
  25. Small appliance repair;
  26. Snow plowing provided that only one (1) snow plow vehicle is stored on or generated from the site;
  27. Special tutoring or instruction (not to exceed three (3) pupils at any given time);
  28. Stenographic and other clerical services.
- (c.) A home occupation that is not listed in paragraph (b) of this section but is similar to and no more objectionable than those home occupations listed in that paragraph, shall be permitted as a conditional use subject to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section and section 14-474 (conditional use) of this article. This provision shall not include veterinarians, kennels, animal raising, funeral homes, retail uses including antique shops, restaurants, dancing studios, towing services, repair and painting of automobiles as home occupations.

(Code 1968, § 602.18.I; Ord. No. 277-77, 11-7-77; Ord. No. 548-85, § 1,5-6-85; Ord. No. 76-85, § 1, 7-1-85; Ord. No. 66-87, § 2, 11-2-87; Ord. No. 329-90, 5-7-90; Ord. No. 240-09/10, 6-21-10)