

Section 50-090 Home Occupations

The purpose of this section is to provide a means through the establishment of specific standards and procedures by which home occupations can be conducted in residential neighborhoods without jeopardizing the health, safety and general welfare of the surrounding neighborhood. Customary home occupations in the Residential District (R-1) shall be allowed if they meet the following conditions:

1. Such occupation is carried on in the principal building and may not be conducted in an accessory building other than a private garage.
2. Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross floor area of the residence or garage is used for this purpose.
3. Only articles made or originating on the premises shall be sold on the premises, unless such articles are incidental to a permitted commercial service.
4. No articles for sale shall be displayed so as to be visible from the street.
5. Not more than one person other than those who reside on the premises shall be employed.
6. No mechanical or electrical equipment shall be used if the operation of such equipment interferes unreasonably with the desired quiet residential environment of the neighborhood or if the health and safety of the residents is endangered. No equipment shall be used in the home occupation which will create electrical interference to surrounding properties.
7. Such occupation does not generate more than two (2) vehicles at one time.
8. Such occupation must provide off-street parking, but no more than two (2) spaces.
9. There shall be no exterior storage of equipment or materials used in the home occupation, except personal automobiles used in the home occupation may be parked on the site.
10. One sign no larger than four (4) square feet shall be permitted on site.
11. No home occupation shall be conducted between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM unless said occupation is contained entirely within the principal building and will not require any on-street parking facilities.
12. No home occupation shall require exterior or significant interior renovation or alteration not customarily found in dwellings except where required to comply with local and state fire and police recommendations.
13. A person having a home occupation shall provide proof of meeting the above requirements if complaints are received by the City Council.