



Home Occupations

Businesses operated out of residences within the City of Champlin do not require any special permit or license (except massage and in-home day cares are regulated separately). However, there are regulations adopted by the city that home operated businesses must follow.

The following regulations in section 126-195 of city code apply to home-based occupations:

- (1) The use of a dwelling unit or garage for any home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its residential use.
 - a. Not more than 25 percent of the floor area of one floor of a dwelling unit shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation.
- (2) The home occupation shall be conducted entirely within a fully enclosed building. No exterior or interior alterations of the building or land.
- (3) No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation.
- (4) There shall be no exterior storage of equipment or materials.
- (5) There shall be no use of utilities or community facilities beyond that normal to the use of property.
- (6) Shall not serve more than two customers or clients at one time.
- (7) The hours of operation shall be limited to between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- (8) A home occupation shall not create pedestrian, automobile, or truck traffic significantly in excess of the normal amount in the district.
 - a. No truck or similar vehicle used in conjunction with a home occupation shall be parked unattached to a trailer upon a residential lot.
 - b. Not involve the need for more than three parking spaces for the occupant and visitors.
- (9) No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation, which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot.
 - a. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receiver off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.
- (10) No retail business other than that conducted by mail shall be permitted, except for those products that are not marketed or sold in a wholesale or retail outlet.
- (11) No home occupation shall include operations relating to ammunition or firearm manufacturing requiring an ATF license.

Signage Allowance: One sign, not exceeding one square foot in area, nonilluminated, and mounted flat against the wall of the principal building shall be permitted.

A citizen operating a home occupation grants the city the right to inspect the premises to ensure compliance. The city reserves the right to prohibit any home occupation it deems necessary.

If you have any questions regarding home occupation regulations, please contact the Community Development Department at 763-421-8100.