

General Provisions for Home Occupation By-laws

Cornwall

"Home Occupation" shall mean an occupation carried on entirely within a dwelling unit by the occupant thereof, provided that the following criteria are observed:

- Home occupation is clearly secondary to the residential use of the dwelling unit.
- The home occupation does not change the character of the dwelling unit.
- Maximum of 1 home based business in a dwelling.
- The home occupation does not become a nuisance to the neighborhood (ex: noise, traffic, parking, etc.)
- No more than 25% of the total floor area to be used for home occupation.
- Permitted in singles and semi detached units only.
- Only residents of the dwelling may be employed.
- Only items created by residents may be sold, other items may be sold in very limited quantities.
- No outdoor display or visible indication except a sign bearing the name of the resident provided no reference is made to the home occupation and the sign does not exceed 6" x 18".
- Onsite parking will be provided according to the guidelines of the By-law.

No provisions for accessory building use.

Prescott

"Home Occupation" shall mean a privately operated legal occupation, enterprise or business which is carried out as a use clearly accessory to a dwelling unit for pursuits conducted entirely therein by the occupant thereof and compatible with a domestic household.

- Permitted home occupation uses:
 - Professional and consulting services, instructional services, home craft businesses, private daycare, distribution/mail order sales, offices for contractors, repair services, high technology uses, catering, and personal care services.
- Maximum of 2 home based businesses in 1 dwelling.
- No more than 35% of the gross floor area to be used for home based businesses, up to a maximum of 69.68 m² [750 ft²].
- Permitted in accessory buildings provided that not more than 20% of the main building floor area is also used for the home occupation.
- Business must be operated by a resident of the dwelling.
 - No more than 1 other employee on site.
- No outdoor storage or display other than an unlit sign not more than 0.5 m² in size attached to the dwelling.

- No storage of hazardous materials.
- Must obtain proper permits and licensing.
- The use does not become a public nuisance (ex: traffic, noise, parking, etc.).

Kingston

"Home Occupation" means an occupation except for the keeping of boarders or roomers, which, subject to Section 5.20(v) shall be conducted solely and entirely by a member or members of the family resident within the place of residence.

- No more than 25% of the total floor area is to be used for a home occupation.
- Not more than one person who is not a resident may be employed by the home occupation.
- There is no external displays save for a personal identification sign no greater than 0.18 m² in area.
- No external storage of materials or goods, including animal enclosures.
- Accessory building use is prohibited.
- The use does not become a public nuisance (ex: noise, traffic, parking, etc.).

Brockville

"Home Occupation" means a business or professional activity conducted as a secondary use to the residential use within any dwelling unit which is the primary residence of the person or persons conducting the business or professional activity.

- No more than 25% of the gross floor area or 28 m² is to be used for a home occupation.
- No non resident employees to be engaged in the home occupation.
- Accessory buildings used only for the storage of goods, materials or equipment.
- No use of any type of advertising media.
- No exterior alterations to the dwelling unit by virtue of the home occupation.
- No more than 2 clients or customers on the premises at any one time.
- The use does not become a public nuisance (ex: noise, traffic, parking, etc.).
- Only the sale of goods or materials produced on site as part of the home occupation is allowed.
- Must operate with proper permits and licensing.
- No additional parking shall be required resulting from the home occupation use.

South Dundas

"Home Occupation" shall mean an occupation, trade, business, profession or craft carried on as an accessory use to the use of the dwelling.

- Permitted home occupation uses:
 - Instructional services, trades and contractors, catering, small repair, professional offices, bed and breakfast.
- No more than 25% or 40 m² of the total floor area of the dwelling is to be used for the home occupation.
- The business must be conducted by a resident of the dwelling and may have no more than 2 persons other than residents engaged in the business.
- An accessory structure not more than 20 m² in floor area may be used as storage.
- No external display or advertising other than a legal sign no more than 0.5 m² in area and located on the dwelling or no closer than 5 m from the front lot line.
- The use does not become a public nuisance (ex: noise, traffic, parking, etc.).
- Only the sale of goods and materials produced on site are allowed.
- One parking space for every 20 m² of floor area used for the home occupation as well as one parking space for an employee is required in addition to the parking required for the residential use.
- No more than 5 pupils at a time for instructional services.
- No mechanical or electrical equipment to be used unless it is reasonably consistent with the use of the dwelling.

South Stormont

Home-Based Business shall mean an occupation, trade, business, profession or craft carried on as an accessory use within part of a dwelling unit for pursuits conducted by the occupants thereof provided that the use is clearly secondary to the use of the dwelling unit as a private residence.

- No more than 25% or 40 m² of the floor area of the dwelling is to be used for home occupation.
- Retail sales shall not occupy more than 10 m²; products and goods must be produced on site.
- The business must be conducted by a resident of the dwelling with no more than 2 persons other than permanent residents engaged in the business.
- No external display or advertising other than an unlit sign, not to exceed 0.5 m².
- No open storage of materials is permitted.
- No more than 6 pupils in attendance for instructional services.
- The use does not become a public nuisance (ex: noise, traffic, parking, etc.).
- No more than 2 vehicles used for the home occupation are permitted on the premises.
- Parking shall be provided for additional employees.

No provisions for accessory building use.

South Glengarry

Home occupation means any occupation or enterprise which is carried out as a use accessory to the permitted residential use of a property and, subject to other relevant provisions of this by-law, is owned and operated by a person or persons residing on the property.

- A maximum of one home based occupation is permitted per dwelling.
- The home occupation is clearly secondary and of a type and scale compatible with a residential neighborhood (i.e. not to exceed the regular noise, odours, outdoor displays, traffic, parking, dust, etc. which normally result from a dwelling).
- No more than 25% of the gross floor area of the dwelling unit is to be used for home occupation.
- A maximum of one non resident employee may be permitted to be engaged in the business.
- The home occupation shall not use any part of an accessory building.
- No exterior alterations or changes in residential character resulting from the home occupation.
- No more than 5 pupils in attendance for instructional services.
- An unlit sign of less than 0.5 m² [5.33 ft²] total area is permitted.
- Parking requirements shall be met on the same lot, including additional parking for employees.
- No goods or products shall be sold that are not produced on site.
- Professional offices are permitted provided no more than 1 such professional operates on site.
- Training, breeding, selling, keeping of animals is prohibited.

Guelph

"Home Occupation" means an occupation, business, trade or craft conducted, for gain or profit, as an Accessory Use carried out within a residential Dwelling Unit by a person who is a permanent resident of such Dwelling Unit;

- One or more home occupations are permitted within a dwelling unit.
- No more than 33 m² of the total floor area is permitted for home occupation or a maximum of 10% of the floor area of the dwelling unit if the home occupation has a non-resident employee.
- The home occupation shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit, no accessory building use.
- Only 1 non resident employee may be employed.
- Parking requirements must be met as per Zoning Bylaw conditions.
- Permitted uses:
 - Small scale manufacturing and production of goods, sales of goods produced on site, small scale repair services, medical related offices.
- No outdoor display, storage, or sales area is permitted.
- The residential character of the building must be maintained.
- All required permits and licenses must be obtained.
- No sign identifying the home occupation is permitted.

Home occupation means any occupation for gain or support, which is carried on as an accessory use within a dwelling unit by person(s) permanently residing in the dwelling unit. One employee, other than a permanent resident of the dwelling will be permitted to be employed. Such home occupation uses may include, but are not limited to a service or repair shop; a personal service shop; the office or consulting room of a doctor, dentist, chiropractor, drug-less practitioner, lawyer, real estate agent, insurance agent, engineer, planner, architect, photographer; an art, dance, music instructor or teacher limited to two pupils at any one time; a tradesman or contractor including but not limited to a builder, carpenter, electrician, general handyman, mason, plumber, roofer, etc., all without any storage of equipment and materials outside of the dwelling; but does not include a clinic, a hospital, a nursing home, a tea room, kennel, a taxi business or a small internal combustion engine repair shop.

- Only 1 employee other than a resident is permitted to be employed.
- No external display and advertising other than an unlit sign no more than 0.3 m² in area.
- No more than 25% of the total floor area of the dwelling unit is to be used for the home occupation.
- No outdoor alterations, storage or visible evidence of a home occupation in the dwelling is permitted.
- The use shall not require additional off street parking.
- The use shall not generate additional traffic.
- The use does not become a public nuisance (ex: noise, dust, parking, etc.).
- No more than 6 pupils for instructional services.
- A private garage shall not be used for a home occupation.