

HOME OCCUPATIONS

What is a Home Occupation?

Home Occupation means the use of a Dwelling, Garage, or Shed by the occupant of that Dwelling for a business, trade or profession. The following businesses or uses are prohibited as a Home Occupation:

- (i) Adult Establishments;
- (ii) businesses that are or should be licensed under the Escort Service Bylaw;
- (iii) animal breeding or kennels;
- (iv) Vehicle modification or servicing (including autobody work, Vehicle painting, Vehicle repairs, and Vehicle or equipment storage or cleaning);
- (v) Industrial Operations (including sheet metal work, welding, upholstery work, carpentry, or cabinet making);
- (vi) retail uses.

Home Occupation, Minor means a Home Occupation that does not exceed a Gross Floor Area of 10 m² , is considered a home office, and with no more than one business related Vehicle visit per week.

Home Occupation, Major means a Home Occupation that does not exceed a Gross Floor Area of 30 m² .

Home Occupation Guidelines (excerpt from the Land Use Bylaw No. 4168)

6.1.6 RULES FOR HOME OCCUPATIONS

(i) A Home Occupation Development Permit may be for a Home Occupation, Minor or for a Home Occupation, Major and may be issued only in respect of a Dwelling.

(ii) A Home Occupation:

- (1) must not conflict with or alter the residential character of the area of the District in which it is located;
- (2) must be carried on in a manner that is incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the Development as a Dwelling, and
- (3) must not create a risk of harm to the health or safety of any person or a risk of adverse impact on nearby Sites including without limitation: excessive noise, on-street parking congestion, and vehicle traffic above the norms for a residential area.

(iii) Without limiting the generality of section 6.1.6(ii):

- (1) not more than two Home Occupations may be carried on in a Dwelling, of which not more than one may be a Home Occupation, Major;
- (2) all aspects of a Home Occupation, including storage of any materials, tools, products or equipment associated with the Home Occupation, must be carried on inside a Dwelling, a Garage, or a Shed; and,
- (3) retail sales of any goods is prohibited, unless it is incidental and related to the service provided by the Home Occupation.

All home occupations are considered a discretionary use in the following districts:

R-LD (Low Density Residential), R-MD (Medium Density Residential), MU (Mixed Use), MU-D (Downtown Mixed Use), HC (Historic Clay), CS (Community Services), FUD (Future Urban Development).

DP NUMBER / ACCOUNT#/STAFF INITIALS

APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PROV.: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

1. HAVE YOU READ THE HOME OCCUPATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAND USE BYLAW #4168?
___ YES ___ NO

2. ARE YOU THE OWNER OF THIS PROPERTY?
___ YES ___ NO → Attach a permission letter from your landlord / agent / condo association.

3. DESCRIBE THE BUSINESS OPERATION:

4. IS THERE ANOTHER HOME OCCUPATION APPROVED FOR THIS DWELLING UNIT?
___ NO ___ YES → Type of Home Occupation: _____

5. WILL ANY GOODS, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOME OCCUPATION BE STORED AT THIS ADDRESS?
___ NO ___ YES → Describe the type of goods, materials or equipment stored:

IF YES TO QUESTION 5: Where will these be stored?

6. HOW MUCH TOTAL AREA IS DEVOTED TO THE HOME OCCUPATION, FOR STORAGE, WORKAREA, AND /OR OFFICE SPACE? (Do not include vehicle storage)
___ up to 10m² / 108ft² OR ___ over 10m² but not exceeding 30m² / 323ft²

7. WILL CUSTOMERS BE ATTENDING YOUR RESIDENCE?
___ NO ___ YES → How many per week? _____

IF YES TO QUESTION 7, WILL YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CUSTOMER AT A TIME AT YOUR RESIDENCE?
___ NO ___ YES → How many at once? _____

IF YES TO QUESTION 7, DO YOU HAVE OFF STREET PARKING FOR ALL CUSTOMERS?
___ YES ___ NO → Where will they be parked? _____

8. WILL THERE BE ANY OFF-SITE EMPLOYEES WHO WILL ATTEND THE HOME?

___ NO ___ YES How many? _____

IF YES TO QUESTION 8, DO YOU HAVE OFF-STREET PARKING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES?

___ YES ___ NO → Where will they be parked? _____

9. ARE THERE ANY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (INCLUDES TRAILERS) ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOME OCCUPATION THAT ARE KEPT AT THIS PROPERTY?

___ NO ___ YES → How many? _____

IF YES TO QUESTION 9, List vehicle(s) (includes trailers) with gross vehicle weight:

IF YES TO QUESTION 9, DO YOU HAVE OFF-STREET PARKING FOR ALL VEHICLES(S) AND/OR TRAILER(S) PARKED ON-SITE?

___ YES ___ NO → Where will they be parked? _____

NOTE: THIS APPLICATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SITE INSPECTION PRIOR TO A DECISION.

I, _____, DO HEREBY STATE THAT:

(NAME OF APPLICANT – PLEASE PRINT)

- a) I agree to abide by all provisions of the City of Medicine Hat Licensing Bylaw #2339, Land Use Bylaw #4168 or any other City Bylaw pursuant to which permits or approvals are issued;
- b) I acknowledge a new Home Occupation Questionnaire and all applicable fees are required every time I move, intensify the use, or if any of the information in this application changes;
- c) I declare that all information given by me on this application is true and correct. I make this declaration knowing that it is the same force and effect as if made under oath.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE OF APPLICATION

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