

Peer City Comparison - Home Occupation Standards

Standard	Consensus	Fayetteville	Asheville	Cary	Charlotte	Durham	Gastonia	Greensboro	Hickory	Raleigh	Wilmington	Winston-Salem
Permitted in all residential zonings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Special use permit required	only 1 of 11 required for live work	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes for Live Work	N/A	N/A
Permit required	6 of 11 require zoning permit	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
Number of occupations permitted	3 of 11 require only one HO	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1
Max percentage of dwelling to be used for HO	25% and 30% are most common	20%	25%	N/A	25%	30%	25%	30%	25%	25%	25%	25%
Max square footage of dwelling to be used for HO	Varies from 250 - 1000	600	N/A	N/A	500	N/A	750	N/A	250	N/A	400	1000
Use of accessory structures permitted	Only 2 of 11 yes without limitations, 4 others allow in limited zonings or with additional standards	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Only for storage	Only in 1 zoning	N/A	Yes for storage only	No except B&B	Yes with numerous standards
HO operator must reside at location	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes
Number of non-resident employees permitted	1 for most	1	1	1	0	1	1	Only in 1 zoning	1	0, N/A in Live Work	1	1
Hours of operation limited	only limited in 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Max number of customers per day	only limited in 2	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0, N/A in Live Work	N/A	N/A
Max number of customers at any one time	5 of 11 limit max number of (students or patients)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5 (students)	2 (students)	5 (students)	N/A	0, 5 in Live Work	N/A	3
Max number vehicles permitted for clients or visitors	1 of 11 has this standard	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Change in external appearance prohibited	10 of 11 prohibit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noise, Fumes, Vibrations, Glare, Electrical interference prohibited	all prohibit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Retail or wholesale sale of goods from premises prohibited	7 of 11 allow, most with restrictions on being handmade	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Handmade only	Handmade or reconditioned only	Handmade only	N/A	Yes, No for Live Work	Handmade only	N/A
Goods can be shipped from location for internet or mail order	3 of 11 allow, others do not address, none prohibit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A

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Outdoor storage permitted	Most do not permit outdoor storage	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No, in rural up to 1,000 sq/ft in rear with 6' fence/wall
Outdoor display of goods or services permitted	No on all	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Storage of explosive or hazardous material prohibited	Only prohibited by 1 of 11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Signage permitted	8 of 11 allow signs	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	N/A, Live Work = Yes	Yes	Yes
Max number of signs	8 of 11 have standards, 1 sign is most common	1	2	N/A	1	N/A	1	1	N/A	N/A, Live Work = 1	1	1
Max size of signs (square feet)	8 of 11 have standards, 4 sq/ft is most common	2	1	N/A	4	N/A	4	4	N/A	N/A, Live Work = 3	2.25	1
Vehicles permitted (associated with HO)	Most have standards with most at 1 or 2	2	1	2	1	No Limit	2	2	No Limit	1	No Limit	N/A
Max Number of commercial vehicles	7 of 11 have standards	2	1	0	1	1, 2 heavy vehicles in RR zone (must be screened from ROW)	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	No Limit	N/A
Size limitation on commercial vehicles	5 of 11 have limits on commercial vehicle size	10,000 gvw max	N/A	N/A	Light Commercial	N/A	N/A	30' max length, if 2 only 1 may exceed 20'	N/A	6,000 gvw max, no bus, truck, van, trailer, no logos	Passenger, trucks and step vans only	N/A
Commercial vehicle(s) must be parked in enclosed garage	2 of 11 have this standard	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2nd vehicle if enclosed in structure	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial vehicles must display current registration	1 of 11 has this standard	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Max number of additional off-street parking spaces	4 of 11 have standards	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	2	1,000 sq/ft of area, added spaces must be rear of dwelling

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Min number of additional off-street parking spaces	3 of 11 have standards	Enough for all customers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A, 0 for B&B	2

Note: If not specifically permitted, prohibited or otherwise addressed by the code, the response is listed as N/A