

6.3.3 Home Occupations

General. A home occupation is an accessory use of a residential dwelling unit that constitutes, in whole or in part, the livelihood of a person living in the dwelling unit. Home occupations shall be subject to the following limitations:

- The principal person providing the business or service resides in the dwelling on the premises.
 - The home occupation employs no more than one (1) person who does not reside on the premises.
 - The home occupation causes no change in the external appearance of the existing buildings and structures on the property.
 - Any commercial or off-road vehicles used in connection with the home occupation are located entirely within an enclosed building.
 - All storage of goods, equipment, or vehicles associated with the home occupation must be located entirely within enclosed buildings.
 - There shall be no advertising devices or other signs of the home occupation visible from outside the dwelling or accessory building.
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- The use shall not generate traffic, parking, sewage or water use in excess of that which is normal in a residential district.
 - No additional parking areas, other than driveways, shall be located in the front setback.
 - The business or service is located within the dwelling or an associated accessory building, and does not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the combined floor area of the structures or two hundred fifty (250) square feet, whichever is less.
 - The home occupation does not create traffic or parking congestion, noise, vibration, odor, glare, fumes, or electrical or communications interference which can be detected by the normal senses off the premises, including visual or audible interference with radio or television reception.
 - If the home occupation is associated with food preparation or catering, the applicant must show proof of compliance with all County environmental and health regulations and NC State Building Code regulations.
 - Repair of automobiles is not permitted as a home occupation.