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If Restrictive Covenants for the property are on file with the applicable county, the more restrictive requirements apply.

Please check with your homeowner's association for any additional requirements.



A permit is required for all home occupations.

The application for permit may be obtained online or in the Community Development Department.

A home occupation permit is not required for garage sale events, provided that the number of garage sale events does not exceed 2 events per year for a maximum duration of 3 consecutive days per event.

Home Occupation Requirements

Home Occupation:

Any occupation or profession conducted solely by resident occupants in their place of abode, involving primarily service and not the sale of commodities upon the premises.

1. A home occupation permit must be issued prior to the commencement of any home occupation use and must be renewed every two years.
2. Home occupations will be conducted solely by resident occupants without the assistance of employees or volunteers.
3. No residence will be altered for the purpose of conducting the home occupation in such a manner as to change the character and appearance of the building.
4. Swimming instruction may be given only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.. on Saturdays, and not more than four students may be on the premises at any one time, with a maximum of eight students per hour.
5. No home occupation that produces glare, dust, fumes, odor, vibration, noise or other nuisances will be approved.
6. No storage of mechanical or construction equipment will be permitted on the property, other than what is normally associated with a residential use.
7. No deliveries of goods or merchandise may originate from or be made to the premises except during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
8. Off-street parking must be provided to all visitors, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of the home occupation shall be met off the street .
9. The home occupation will not generate traffic or parking that is detrimental to the residential nature of the neighborhood.
10. Day Care Services: Any home use day care must meet the requirements for a non-registered family day care home according to article 237A of the Code of Iowa.
11. Permittee must obtain all applicable city, county, state and federal permits, approvals and/or clearances associated with the home occupation.
12. Permittee must provide written documentation of landlord's approval if the home occupation will be conducted in a rented residence.

The following are specifically not permissible home occupation uses:

Beauty parlors, barber shops, pet boarding, pet grooming, pet training or care, repair and maintenance of automobiles, appliances, motorcycles, lawn mowers, snow blowers, snowmobile engines, radios, televisions or similar uses.