



Home Occupation (Home Based Businesses)



Who needs to apply?

A home occupation is a business, profession, occupation, or trade which is conducted within a residential building or accessory structure for the economic gain or support of a resident of the dwelling, and which is incidental and secondary to the residential use of the building.

Article 9.19 | Home Occupation

A home occupation is permitted accessory to any dwelling unit (except manufactured housing) in accordance with the following requirements:

- .1 The home occupation must be clearly incidental to the residential use of the dwelling and must not change the essential residential character of the dwelling.
- .2 A home occupation conducted in an accessory structure shall be housed only in a garage or other accessory structure typically associated with a dwelling.
- .3 The use shall employ no more than one person who is not a resident of the dwelling.
- .4 A home occupation housed within the dwelling shall occupy no more than 25% of the total floor area of the dwelling.
- .5 There shall be no visible outside display of stock in trade which is sold on the premises.
- .6 There shall be no outdoor storage or visible evidence of equipment or materials used in the home occupation, excepting equipment or materials of a type and quantity that could reasonably be associated with the principal residential use.
- .7 Operation of the home occupation shall not be visible from any dwelling on an adjacent lot, nor from a street.
- .8 Only vehicles used primarily as passenger vehicles will be permitted in connection with the conduct of the home occupation.
- .9 The home occupation shall not utilize mechanical, electrical, or other equipment which produces noise, electrical or magnetic interference, vibration, heat, glare, or other nuisances outside the dwelling or accessory structure housing the home occupation.
- .10 Home occupations shall be limited to those uses which do not draw clients to the dwelling on a regular basis.
- .11 Outdoor kilns used for the firing of pottery shall be provided with a semi-opaque screen to obstruct the view from the street and from adjacent properties located in residential districts, shall have a secured work area, and shall be a minimum of 10 feet from abutting property lines.
- .12 No business identification or advertising signs are permitted.

What now?

1. Submit Application by email or in person.
2. Pay Fees
3. Permit Issued in 5-7 business days.
4. Onsite inspection scheduled by Zoning Inspector within 30 days.

Apply

EMAIL or IN PERSON:

105 Gilead Road, Third Floor
Huntersville NC 28070
Mon-Fri; 8am—5pm
No appointments necessary

Fees

\$140 | Home Occupation
ONLINE with credit card
IN PERSON with cash or check.

Mecklenburg County

Verify any county requirements with Mecklenburg County Online www.mecknc.gov
Call 311 or 704-336-7600

Questions?

**Town of Huntersville
Planning Department
IN PERSON:**

105 Gilead Road, Third Floor
Huntersville NC 28078
Mon-Fri; 8am—5pm
No appointments necessary

TEL: 704-875-7000
EMAIL: planning@huntersville.org
WEB: www.huntersville.org