



Concord Township, *Lake County, Ohio*

Zoning Information Sheet #6: Home Occupations

1) What is a home occupation?

- A home occupation is an occupation, profession, activity, or use that is clearly a customary, incidental, and secondary use to that of a residential dwelling unit.
- A home occupation may not alter the exterior of the property or affect the residential character of the neighborhood.

2) What are some examples of a home occupation?

- An office or studio in the residence of a physician or surgeon, dentist, artist, lawyer, architect, engineer, teacher, or other member of a recognized profession.
- Real estate or insurance sales office.
- Customary home occupations such as handicrafts, dressmaking, laundering, home cooking, beauty parlor, and barber shop.
- Home occupations shall not include any mechanical or electrical repair shops or manufacturing of any kind.

3) What are the requirements for a home occupation?

- Home occupations shall not involve any outward evidence of such use or change in outside appearance of the dwelling or principal building other than a sign as authorized in this Resolution.
- Home occupations shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit and shall not be permitted within an accessory building.
- Home occupations shall not occupy more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross floor area of the dwelling in which such use is located.
- Home occupations shall not offer for sale any article except as may be produced or grown on the premises by members of the immediate family.
- Home occupations shall not employ more than one (1) person who is not a member of the immediate family in any office, studio or other home occupation.
- Home occupations shall be carried on in such a manner so as not to create a need for off-street parking in excess of what is customarily provided for the residential use.
- See Section XV of the Concord Township Zoning Resolution for complete requirements.

4) Is a zoning permit required for a home occupation?

- No. A zoning permit is not required for a home occupation.
- If a sign is displayed on the property identifying the occupation or profession, such sign shall require a sign permit and comply with the requirements specified in Section XXX of the Zoning Resolution.

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