
Prohibited Home Occupations

Recognizing that there are some uses which have serious objectionable operational characteristics and thereby adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood, the following shall be prohibited as home occupations:

1. Motor vehicle repair, service, or painting.
 2. The sale, lease, trade, or other transfer of firearms or ammunition by a firearms dealer.
 3. Headquarters or dispatch centers where persons come to the site and are dispatched to other locations.
 4. Sale or other transfer of explosives.
 5. Commercial kennels.
 6. All businesses which would require the use of the exterior of the property for storage, maintenance, manufacture, or repair.
 7. Use of residential property for the parking or storage of construction equipment associated with a commercial business.
 8. Any unlisted occupation which does not meet the standards for home occupations.
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Guide to Obtaining an Occupancy for a Home Business

**Designed to Preserve Aesthetics,
Property Values, and the Quality of Life
in Kenosha's Neighborhoods
and Business Districts**



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What is a Home Occupation?

"Home Occupation" means any business profession, trade, or employment conducted in a person's residential dwelling which involves members of the immediate household who reside in that dwelling and/or a maximum of one (1) unrelated person at any one time. A Certificate of Occupancy is required. A one-time processing fee of \$50.00 is required for the Certificate of Occupancy.

Typical professional businesses operating from the home include: architects, accountants, consultants, graphic artists, and word processors.

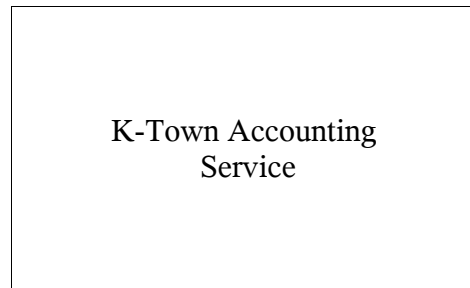
Before approval is granted, review of the application and a field inspection by Zoning Division staff must be conducted to determine whether the proposed type of business satisfies the zoning requirements for the residential district.

Zoning guidelines have been established to avoid excessive pedestrian/automobile traffic, noise, and indoor/outdoor storage.

Signs and advertising that draw attention to the property are prohibited

A one-square foot non-illuminated name plate (flush-mounted on the residence or visible through a window) is permitted.

(Example)



All activity related to the home occupation must be performed within the interior of the residence.

In instances whereby the applicant is leasing or renting, the property owner must approve and sign the Certificate of Occupancy for home occupations.

If you have any questions regarding the Certificate of Occupancy process for Home Occupations, contact Paula Blise at (262) 653-4263.

Home Occupations are permitted accessory uses in residential districts when all of the following conditions are observed:

1. The occupation is conducted in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance and Code of General Ordinances.
 2. The occupation is incidental and secondary to the principal use of the residential building for residential purposes.
 3. The occupation shall not require internal or external alterations or involve construction features not customary in a residential building in a residential district.
 4. Equipment, chemicals, or processes that generate any noise, vibration, odor, glare, fumes, radio/TV signals, or electrical interference are not allowed in conjunction with a business in a home.
 5. Consumer walk-in or drive-in business is not permitted.
 6. No stock in trade shall be displayed, manufactured, sold, or stored on the premises, except arts and crafts.
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