

HOME OCCUPATIONS BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT

Home Occupation Regulations in Lynnwood are designed to ensure that businesses operated out of home do not interfere with the residential character of the neighborhood.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED HOME OCCUPATIONS

- Automotive repair or detailing
- Contractor shops or storage yards
- Metal/wood fabrication
- Animal kennels/veterinarians
- Health care, including medical doctors, chiropractors, dentists, podiatrists, naturopaths, psychologists, hypno-therapists, massage practitioners, physical or occupational therapists, nurses or acupuncturists.
- Barber & Beauty Salons and other personal services.
- Schools or places of worship are allowed only as a Conditional Use.
- Group Homes are allowed only if the people live in the home in a family setting.
- Small engine or major appliance repair
- Sale of firewood
- Escort Services/tattoo/body piercing
- Boarding homes prohibited unless license by DSHS

RESTRICTIONS ON PERMITTED HOME OCCUPATIONS

NO HOME OCCUPATION ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED THAT PRODUCE NOISE, VIBRATIONS, SMOKE, DUST, GLARE OR TRAFFIC WHICH ARE NOT NORMALLY FOUND IN RESIDENTIAL USE.

Please check each box for the restrictions to acknowledge that you have read and understand the regulations.

1. ALLOWABLE TRAFFIC AND PARKING STANDARD:

- No more than 1 customer visit per hour.
- No customer activities before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
- Once every 30 days, group meetings may be held. More frequent group meetings are not allowed.
- Pick up or delivery is limited to one vehicle per day. The delivery vehicle is limited to a one ton rated capacity
- Buses or trucks with a rated capacity of one ton or more may not park on residential streets overnight.
- Employees who perform work off premises may not park their personal vehicles on or near the home occupation site while they are working their trade.
- Service trucks or vehicles used for business purposes must be parked on normal driveway surfaces. Parking on grass or extending paved surfaces to create vehicle storage yards is not allowed.
- Storage containers, job shacks or semi trailers used in conjunction with a home occupation may not be present on residential properties.

2. EMPLOYEES:

- Only household members who reside at the residence may perform labor or services on the premises.
- Contractors, landscapers, janitorial services and other similar businesses may have other employees as long as the labor or service is performed off site. Congregating in early morning hours or evening for dispatch purposes is not allowed.

3. STORAGE, DISPLAY AND AREA USED FOR BUSINESS:

- Business may only be conducted in the home. Sheds, outbuildings or detached garages may not be used for business activities. Only 25% of the floor area may be devoted to business.
- Outdoor storage of business related items is not allowed. Indoor storage visible from outdoors (i.e., an open garage) is also prohibited.
- Access to the area devoted for business must be accessible from within the dwelling. Creating a separate outside entrance to effectively separate the business and living space is not allowed.
- Processing, storing and occasional sale of handicrafts made on the premises is allowed. Display or storage visible from the outside is not allowed. Window displays are prohibited.

4. SIGNS:

- One sign with a maximum area of 6 sq. ft is allowed. The sign must be permanently installed on posts or flat against the building. Portable signs are not allowed. The sign must be located at least 5 feet from the front property line. The sign cannot be illuminated. Neon signs in the windows are not allowed.

CHILDREN AND ADULT HOME CARE

5. Child Care & Adult Family Homes are allowed under provisions of State Law and are governed by the rules of the State Department of Social and Health Services and the Lynnwood Municipal Codes 21.02.013, 21.02.211 & 21.02.326.

By signing the business license, the applicant agrees to abide by the Home Occupation rules. Failure to comply is grounds for revocation or suspension of the business license.