

Section 17.04.440 Home occupation requirements

1. The purpose and intent of this section of the Lindon City Code is to allow occupations, professions, activities, or uses that are clearly customary, incidental, and secondary to the residential use of the property and which do not alter the exterior of the property or affect the residential character of the neighborhood.
2. No home occupation shall be conducted without first obtaining a home occupation permit pursuant to this chapter and a business license pursuant to this chapter and the Lindon City Code chapter regulating businesses.
3. The Planning Director may grant a home occupation permit in the residential zones, provided the use applied for meets all of the standards set forth in this Section.
4. A home occupation permit shall be obtained from the Planning Director before such home occupation is established. The permit shall have a fee as established per the Lindon City Fee Schedule.
5. As a matter of public policy, the City believes that commercial and industrial activities should be conducted in zones where such activities are specifically permitted. However, limited business activities may be conducted within residences located in any zone in the City if the business activity strictly complies with all of the following requirements:
 - a. Be clearly incidental to and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling unit and not occupy more than five hundred (500) square feet or twenty-five percent (25%) of the total floor space of such dwelling unit, whichever is less. This requirement does not apply to accessory buildings approved as part of a home occupation.
 - b. Be carried on entirely within the dwelling unit or accessory structure solely by one (1) or more of the residents of the immediate family who reside in the dwelling unit or employees as permitted in 5(c). For the purposes of this section, a carport, patio, or breeze way is not considered to be part of the dwelling unit. (This provision shall not prohibit the Utah State requirement for outside use by licensed day care/preschool facilities.)
 - c. Home occupations may have up to one (1) employee or part time equivalent to one (1) employee who does not live in the dwelling unit work at the home. Only one (1) non-resident employee shall work from the home at any given time. Such employee working at the home or coming to the home and moving to another job site associated with the home occupation shall be provided an off street parking stall on the home occupation owner's property. This employee shall be provided and required to use such parking on the business owner's property and off of a public street.
 - d. Not have any external evidence of the home occupation, (except as may be required by State law or City ordinance) nor any exterior displays, displays of goods, nor advertising signs (except as allowed by this section) visible from outside of the dwelling unit. It shall not be permitted to conduct any activity outside the dwelling unit or to store materials or products outside the dwelling unit unless it is within an accessory structure approved as part of the home occupation.
 - e. Not have more than six (6) vehicles parked at the residence at any time, provided all of the vehicles can be parked legally, either in normal parking places on the lot occupied by the residence without parking in front of any other property. The six (6) vehicles specified above shall include the vehicles owned or operated by the residents, visitors or any other person using or visiting the home. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the Planning Director provided the applicant can clearly demonstrate that additional vehicles can be parked legally, either in normal parking places on the lot occupied by the residence containing the home occupation or by the curb directly in front of the residence without parking in front of any other property. In addition to the foregoing, the home occupation must not generate more than five (5) vehicles of traffic to the residence during any hour. The home occupation shall not generate any traffic before 7:30 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. nor shall any vehicle weighing in excess of twenty four thousand (24,000) pounds, gross weight, travel to the residence for the purpose of servicing the home occupation.
 - f. Not emit noise, odor, dust, fumes, vibration, smoke, electrical interference or other interference with the residential use of adjacent properties.
 - g. Comply with all City building and fire codes.
 - h. Obtain a home occupation permit and a business license from the City.
 - i. Shall have no more than one (1) sign, not larger than two and one-half (2.5) square feet, attached to the main dwelling unit. The sign shall be aesthetically pleasing and made of similar materials and colors as the building to which it is attached. The sign shall not be directly lit.
 - j. Home occupation owners shall be good neighbors and mindful of possible impacts their activities have on the residential character of the neighborhood. All Home Occupation permits are reviewable upon written complaint to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission, in reviewing such complaints, shall have the authority to attach conditions to a home occupation to make it compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. If the Planning Commission makes a finding that the home occupation is not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood they shall have the authority to revoke such permit.

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