

Concord Township Zoning Department

Informational Sheet #9: 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 is one which does not alter the exterior of the property or affect the residential character of the neighborhood.

2) What are the requirements for a home occupation?

- A home occupation cannot occupy more than 25% of the floor area of the principal structure.
- A home occupation cannot offer for sale any article, except as may be grown or produced on the premises by members of the immediate family.
- A home occupation cannot employ more than 1 person who is not a member of the immediate family.

3) What are some examples of home occupations?

Home occupations can include:

- 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 do not include mechanical or electrical repair shops or manufacturing of any kind.

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 to identify the occupation or profession, such sign shall require a sign permit and comply with the requirements specified in the Zoning Resolution.

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