



City of Signal Hill  
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## Home Occupation

The term "Home Occupation" shall mean any use customarily conducted entirely within a dwelling and carried on by the inhabitants thereof, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the structure for dwelling purposes and which use does not change the character thereof. (SHMC 20.04.384)

Home occupation may include:

- a. Consultative professional occupations, whose function is one of rendering a service and does not involve the dispensation of goods or products.
- b. The selling or otherwise disposing of agricultural services and products produced on the premises.
- c. Secondary business offices, where said business has its principal offices staff and equipment located elsewhere.
- d. The giving of music lessons and similar occupations.
- e. The home office of a salesman, when all sales are done by written order with no commodities or displays on the premises.
- f. Drafting, designing, and the like, using only the normal drafting equipment.

The following criteria shall apply for the determination of a home occupation:

- a. There shall be no employment of help other than the members of the resident family.
- b. There shall be no use of material or mechanical equipment not recognized as being part of normal household or hobby uses.
- c. There shall be no sales of products or services not produced on the premises.
- d. The use shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic beyond that normal to the district in which it is located.
- e. It shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for delivery of materials to or from the premises, other than a vehicle not to exceed one ton, owned by the operator of such home occupations, which shall be stored in an entirely enclosed garage.
- f. There shall be no excessive or unsightly storage of materials or supplies, indoor or outdoor, for purposes other than those permitted in the district.
- g. It shall not involve the use of signs or structures other than those permitted in the district of which it is a part.
- h. Not more than one room in the dwelling shall be employed for the home occupation.
- i. In no way shall the appearance of the structure be so altered or the conduct of the occupation within the structure be such that the structure may be reasonably recognized as serving a non-residential use (either by color, materials or construction, lighting, signs, sounds or noises, vibrations, etc.)
- j. There shall be no use of utilities or community facilities beyond that normal to the use of the property for residential purposes as defined in the district.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above conditions for approving a Home Occupation Business License and agree to abide by all conditions.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name \_\_\_\_\_