

If you are interested in operating a business out of your home, here are answers to the most commonly asked questions, as well as some helpful hints that explain the home occupation regulations in the City of Faribault.

This guide is intended to be general in nature and does not cover every aspect of City home occupation regulations in detail. This guide should not be considered the final or definitive authority on any of the matters it addresses.

If you have questions or would like more information about home occupations, please contact:

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Q What is a home occupation or home-based business?

A A home occupation is an occupation or business activity that results in a product or service and is conducted within the residence.

Q Do I need a permit to operate a business in my home?

A Yes. The City requires that all home occupations be registered. The registration process involves filing of an application and payment of a small fee by the homeowner. Once the application is reviewed and approved by city staff, a Home Occupation Certificate will be issued to the home/business owner.

The certificate shall be renewed biannually or if the character, intensity, or location of the home occupation changes.

Q Are there any limits on the type of business I can have in my home?

A Home occupations are limited to service type businesses. The following services and uses are not allowed:

- Repair of internal combustion engines
- Body shops
- Manufacturing of any kind
- Machine shops
- Welding shops
- Retail sales, except when accessory to the primary service being conducted.

Q Can I have more than one home occupation in my home?

A Yes, as long as the impact of those home occupations does not exceed what is allowed for a single home occupation.

Q Can I have a hair styling or tanning salon in my home?

A Hair styling, nail, and tanning salons are allowed as home occupations as long as they provide only one station.

Q Can I have a sign for my home occupation?

A You may have one sign that identifies the name of your home occupation as long as it is no bigger than three square feet.

Q Can I have employees or clients come to my home?

A You may have employees; however, if they do not live on the premises, they are not allowed to report to work at the premises on a daily basis.

You may have up to 3 clients on the premises at any one time, but no more than 12 clients total can visit your home occupation during permitted hours of operation each day.

Q *Can I use my garage for my business?*

A You may use up to 30% of a garage for storage or activities related to a home occupation. Keep in mind, however, that outside storage of any kind is not allowed.

Q *Is there a limit on the hours of operation for home occupations?*

A Yes. Hours are 6AM to 10PM.

Q *Are there any parking restrictions?*

A Yes. The required 2 off-street parking spaces for residential use shall not be reduced or made unusable by the home occupation.

Q *Can I receive deliveries for the business at my home?*

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- You may receive deliveries from 8 AM to 6PM.
 - Deliveries shall only be made by single rear-axle straight-trucks or smaller vehicles serving residential neighborhoods (UPS or overnight couriers).
 - Deliveries by semi trailer-tractor are not allowed.

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