



HOME OCCUPATIONS

The following regulations apply to any home occupation within the Village of Buffalo Grove. Local/Village business licenses are not required for home based businesses. Furthermore, the Village does not license those professionals that are licensed by the State such as attorneys and doctors. Should an individual have any questions, please feel free to reference the Village's Municipal Code, which can be found on the website at www.vbg.org, or contact the Village. We wish every business in Buffalo Grove great success and prosperity.

17.12.285 - Home occupations.

- A. General. A home occupation shall be defined as a gainful occupation or profession customarily carried on by an occupant of a dwelling unit as a use which is clearly incidental to the use of the dwelling unit for residential purposes.
- B. Standards for Home Occupations. In addition to all of the standards applicable to the district in which it is located, any home occupation shall comply with the following standards:
1. Every home occupation shall be carried on entirely within the principal building and only by members of the family occupying the premises. Where child day care is provided, an outdoor play area is permitted. Outdoor play shall be in the rear yard only and shall be supervised. Children will not leave the day care provider's property unless supervised by an adult;
 2. No article shall be sold or offered for sale on the premises;
 3. No wholesale, jobbing or retail business shall be permitted unless it is conducted entirely by mail and/or telephone and does not involve the receipt, sale, shipment, delivery or storage of merchandise on or from the premises;
 4. No mechanical or electrical equipment shall be installed or maintained other than such as is customarily incidental to domestic use;
 5. All vehicles and all supplies used in the home occupation must be contained within an enclosed building and all vehicles must be garaged when not being used in the occupation;
 6. There shall be no exterior display, no exterior signs (except as allowed by the sign regulations for the district in which such home occupation is located), no exterior storage of materials, and no other exterior indication of the home occupation or variation from the residential character of the principal building;
 7. No home occupation shall be operated in such a manner as to cause offensive noise, vibration, smoke or other particulate matter, heat, humidity, glare, electronic interference or odors, or otherwise constitute a nuisance or safety hazard to the occupants of nearby properties;
 8. No alteration of the principal building shall be made which changes the character thereof as a dwelling.
- C. Home Occupations Prohibited. Clinics, doctors' offices, hospitals, barber shops, beauty parlors, dress shops, millinery shops, tearooms, restaurants, tourist homes, animal hospitals, real estate offices, manufacturing businesses, repair shops of any kind, and child care centers or nursing homes where care is provided for more than three persons other than family members.