



# INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 18

City of Blaine

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## HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS

### WHAT IS A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

A Home Occupation Permit is just what it sounds like; it's a permit to run a business out of your home. Home businesses are regulated by local government for a variety of reasons, but primarily to ensure neighborhoods are protected from the impacts that can be caused by inappropriate home businesses.

### A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT CAN BE USED TO:

Run a business out of your home.

### A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT CANNOT BE USED TO:

Operate a business at a location that is not your home.

Run a business that creates a greater level of traffic than normally exists in a single family neighborhood.

Run a business that requires more than 25% of your home's floor area.

Run a business where equipment is used that creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the property.

### How is a Home Occupation Permit Approved?

They are approved administratively by the Community Development Services Department. Public notice is posted at City Hall and on the City's website 10 days prior to the Director making a final decision.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS:

No exterior alteration to the residence is allowed which would indicate a business is being operated inside.

The primary use of the property must be residential.

### HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

The Community Development Services Department will provide Home Occupation applications on request or you can log onto the following link and download a fillable application. Go to - <http://www.cityofblaine.com>

and then

[Home](#) > [Departments](#) > [Community Development Services](#) > Land Use Application & Packets

Fill out the application and submit it back to the Community Development Services Department. If you have any questions please call Amber Lindhout at (360) 332-8311 ext. 3337.

Home Occupation Permits cannot be transferred to a new location or another person. If you wish to move a home occupation to a new location, a new application must be filled out and approved for the new location.

### WHEN A HOME OCCUPATION APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, THE CITY CHECKS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Property liens against any property of the applicants;
- Local criminal contact with the Blaine Police Department;
- Consistency with the zoning overlay district.

### MORE QUESTIONS?

The City of Blaine's Community Development Department has created customer information bulletins to inform the general public about the effect of codes and regulations on their projects. These bulletins are not intended to be complete statements of all laws and rules and should not be used as substitutes for them. If conflicts and questions arise, current codes and regulations are final authority. Because the codes and regulations may be revised or amended at any time, consult City of Blaine, CDS staff to be sure you understand all requirements before beginning work. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the project meets all requirements of applicable codes and regulations.