



## Home-Based Businesses

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*Zoning Code Chapter 17.0501*



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The information contained herein is found in the Oak Creek Zoning Code Section 17.0501. It is not intended to be all inclusive. Other sections of the Zoning Code and Municipal Code may be applicable to your property.

Home-based businesses are permitted accessory uses in any residential district, not requiring a building permit, provided that:

1. The primary use of the structure shall be as a dwelling unit.
2. The following standards shall be complied with in full at all times:
  - No person other than resident of the dwelling unit shall be engaged or employed in the home occupation on the premises
  - No mechanical equipment shall be utilized except that which is necessarily, customarily, or ordinarily used for household or leisure purposes
  - No toxic, explosive, flammable, combustible, corrosive, etiologic, radioactive, or other restricted materials shall be used or stored on the site except those which are necessarily, customarily, or ordinarily used for household or leisure purposes
  - There shall be no outside operations, storage, or display of materials or products
  - Total storage of materials or products used in the business shall not exceed 128 cubic feet in volume
  - No alteration of the residential appearance of the premises shall occur, including the creation of a separate entrance for the home occupation
  - No process shall be used which is hazardous to public health, safety, morals, or welfare
  - Visitors, customers, or deliveries shall not exceed that normally and reasonable occurring for a residence including not more than two business visitors per hour, not to exceed a total of eight visitors per day, and not more than two deliveries of product or material per week
  - The home occupation shall not displace or impede use of required parking spaces, including any business storage in required garage parking areas
  - No advertisement shall be placed in any media containing the address of the property.

- One home occupation sign not to exceed 2 sq. ft. in area and mounted flush to dwelling.

3. Only the following uses shall be permitted as home-based businesses:

- Architectural services
- Art restoration
- Art studios
- Babysitting
- Cake decorating
- Consulting services
- Contracting, except carpentry, masonry services, electrical services, plumbing, and painting
- Data processing
- Dental technician with laboratory
- Direct sales representative (such as Avon or Tupperware.)
- Drafting and graphic services
- Dressmaking, sewing, tailoring, contract sewing (no more than one type of any machine)
- Electronic assembly
- Engineering services
- Financial planning and investment services
- Flowering arranging
- Gardening and grass cutting
- Home crafts (including ceramics with a kiln up to six cubic feet)
- House cleaning services
- Insurance sales and broker
- Interior design
- Jeweler and jewelry making
- Laundry and ironing services
- Locksmith
- Mail order distribution (not including sales from the site)
- Millinery
- Private educational, musical or artistic lessons
- Professional home offices
- Real estate sales or broker
- Sales representative (office only)
- Security services, security systems and auto security systems
- Telephone answering, switchboard operation, and call forwarding
- Tutoring
- Typing and word processing services
- Wallpapering
- Watch repair
- Writing and computer programming

4. Home-based businesses shall not be considered a nonconforming use should the regulations of this Ordinance be revised or amended.

If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Administrator at (414) 766-7026.