

Home Occupation Requirements

Summary from [Fridley City Code Chapter 205](#)



What is a Home Occupation?

In general, a Home Occupation is a business that is allowed to operate in a residential area because it does not affect the area's residential nature.

General requirements for Home Occupations

Location

- Home Occupations are allowed within homes in residential [Zoning Districts](#): R-1, R-2, R-4, S-1, and O-6.
- Home occupations must occur entirely within the dwelling. Home occupations are not permitted within an accessory building (e.g., shed or garage) including an attached garage.
- No exterior storage of equipment or materials is allowed.
- There shall be no separate entrance into the business area.

Parking

The Home Occupation cannot use more than 2 off-street parking spaces, in addition to the spaces required by the home.

Alterations to the residence

- The Home Occupation should not be identifiable from outside the home, beyond signage is permitted by Fridley's sign code.
 - Most single-family residential properties in Fridley are allowed one permanent wall sign, not to exceed 3 square feet in size.
- Construction features and mechanical equipment not customarily found in dwellings are not allowed.

Requirements for Specific Home Occupations

- No more than 1 non-resident employee is allowed. All other employees must reside in the home.
- No more than 4 students at a time. Lessons may only be held inside the home. (However, licensed daycares as regulated by state law are allowed to serve more than 4 children at a time.)
- Retail sales are prohibited, unless incidental to a service (e.g., a barber selling shampoo), or sales conducted by mail.
 - No more than three garage sales may be held per year. Sales may last up to 3 days at a time.

Frequent Questions

What types of business activities are **not allowed** as Home Occupations?

- x Massage therapy
- x Automotive repair
- x Commercial food service
- x Deliveries or pick-ups by semi-trucks
- x >10 customer vehicles per day

Is a City of Fridley Home Occupation license required?

No, Fridley does not issue Home Occupation licenses. Depending on the type of Home Occupation, other approvals may be required from other agencies (ex: Family Child Care Provider license, Cottage Food Producer registration, etc.).

Does Fridley have resources for small business owners?

Yes! Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for free business consulting services, loans, and other assistance. The most current information can be found at FridleyMN.gov/Business-Resources



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