

Home Occupation

Business License Information



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The following information is for Home Occupations in areas outside of Urban Villages, such as Issaquah Highlands or Talus. If you are inquiring about Home Occupations within an Urban Village, please contact the Development Services Department by phone or email. The intent of Section 18.07.470, Home Occupations, of the Issaquah Municipal Code, is to allow limited home occupations which do not alter the residential character nor infringe upon the rights of the neighborhood. Home Occupations are required to obtain a Business License and may be subject to additional approval criteria prior to obtaining one. The following information summarizes some requirements and approval criteria for Home Occupations:

- Per City code, the type of business to be run in the home may require adjacent property owner notification of all property owners within 300 feet of the proposed business home. The Development Services Department will mail a notice to the property owners requesting comments on the proposed business, within a fourteen-day response period.
- Typically, a home used mainly as a business office only, with little or no clients coming to the home, does not require an Administrative Site Development Permit (ASDP).
- For homes that are used for purposes other than a business office only, an ASDP may be required. This permit must be applied for through the Development Services Department, either in person at our office or online at MyBuildingPermit.com. Application materials for Home Occupations can be found on the Development Services Department webpage at issaquahwa.gov/developmentservices under Application Packets.
- Contact the Development Services Department for information regarding allowed signage for Home Occupations.
- Some of the approval criteria for Home Occupations are:
 - The home may be subject to inspection by the Fire Department, depending on the nature of the proposed business.
 - Noise is restricted to that which customarily occurs for domestic purposes or home hobbies.
 - The proposed home business must not negatively affect any aspect of the environment.
 - Repairing, building, and/or servicing of vehicles for business purposes is not allowed on the premises.
 - Child care is limited to twelve children, in addition to resident family children. State Department of Social and Health Services regulations also apply.
 - No more than 25% of the gross floor area of the residence and accessory buildings (up to 500 square feet) may be used for a home business.
 - There shall be no exterior business displays, activities, or storage.
 - The home business shall not generate more than 20 vehicle trips per day.

All requirements for Home Occupations in areas of the City other than Urban Villages can be found in the Issaquah Municipal Code (IMC) found online in [IMC 18.07.470 Home Occupations](#).

The following activities, which do not exceed three (3) days in duration or nine days in any calendar year, shall be exempt from home occupation requirements: garage sales, home parties to display domestic products, home boutiques/bazaars of handcrafted items, and like events. For clarification of requirements, please call the Permit Center at (425) 837-3100 or email DSD@issaquahwa.gov.

Note: Additional Permits may be necessary before the owner by commence business in a home.