



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

NOTE: Additional City permits may be necessary before the owner may commence business in a home.

HOME OCCUPATION BUSINESS LICENSE INFORMATION

The intent of Section 18.54.010, Home Occupations, of the Black Diamond Municipal Code, is to permit residents of the community a broad choice in the use of their homes as a place of livelihood in the production or supplementing of personal/family income. Also, to protect residential areas from potential adverse impact of activities defined as home occupations by establishing criteria and development standards for the use of residential structures. Home Occupations are required to obtain a Business License subject to the following conditions. *Please acknowledge your understanding and acceptance of these conditions by signing at the bottom of this form and return it with the Business License application.*

- Home occupations shall occupy not more than 25% of the total floor area of the residence, nor shall it exceed 500 square feet. An accessory building for a home occupation shall not exceed 400 square feet, nor shall a combination of residence and accessory building exceed 500 square feet. Bed and Breakfast lodging is exempt from the floor area limitation.
- Any occupation which may produce waste products of a quality or quantity not normally associated with residential use shall not qualify as a home occupation.
- Home occupations shall comply with all other local, state, or federal regulations pertinent to the activity pursued, and the requirements or permission granted or implied by this chapter shall not be construed as an exemption from such regulations.
- Any person engaging in a home occupation shall register as a business under Title 5 of this code.
- Home Occupations shall emit no noise, air pollutants, waste products or other effect detrimental to the environment of the neighborhood beyond those normally emanating from residential use. (Ord. 231 & .11©, 1980)
- No signs, logos, trademarks or other symbols are displayed indicating the nature or location of the business or occupation, nor shall there be any off premises signs (BDMC 18.82.090G).
- No exterior structural alterations are made to accommodate the occupation.
- No merchandise or stock in trade is sold or displayed on any exterior portion of the premises.
- No equipment or material is stored on any exterior portion of the premises.
- No person or persons other than bona fide residents of the dwelling unit are employed in the home occupation.

If your business doesn't fit the criteria above, please contact the Community Development Department at 360-886-2560 for additional information on whether it is an acceptable use or may require a Conditional Use Permit.

Business Name: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Print Name: _____