



## Home Occupation Summary

### A. Applicability

1. The intent of these requirements is that a home occupation shall be a clearly customary, incidental, and secondary use of a residential dwelling unit.
2. This subsection applies to any occupation, profession or business activity owned and/or operated by the resident of a single-family dwelling. Individuals working remotely for their employer are not considered a home occupation.
3. The Home Occupation should operate in such a manner that the residential character of the property is maintained.
4. Home Occupation permits are required where the business owner is operating out of their residence.

### B. Requirements

1. No display of business-related products including equipment shall be visible from the street. This requirement does not apply to properties over two (2) acres in the Rural Agriculture (RA) Zoning District.
2. Equipment shall not create vibration, glare, fumes, odors, electrical interference, and/or noise that can be detected off premise.
3. The square footage of floor area devoted to the home occupation (inside the home and/or accessory building(s)) shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of the heated square footage of the home, or eight hundred (800) square feet, whichever is smaller.
4. The home occupation may employ no more than two non-resident employees.
5. One (1) motor vehicle, with two axles, and one (1) trailer shall be allowed in relation to the home occupation. Business related vehicles cannot be parked in the right-of-way, access easement, or front or side lawn.
6. Signage identifying the home occupation shall be limited to a single sign not to exceed four (4) square feet.
7. Shipments and delivery of products, merchandise, and/or supplies shall be limited to the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00PM. Shipments and deliveries shall only occur via trucks or smaller vehicles typically used to serve residential areas. In no case shall dump trucks or tractor trailers be used for shipments or deliveries at the property or adjacent right-of-way.
8. Home Occupation Commercial Fishing shall comply with the Onslow County Solid Waste Management Ordinance. Home Occupation Commercial Fishing includes but is not limited to oystering, shrimping, clamming, scalloping, net fishing, and crabbing; and may include but is not limited to the use of accessory structures such as crab sheds or equipment such as refrigerators.
9. Home occupations for the repairing and/or servicing, transfer and/or short-term storage of, and/or sale of guns shall be required to submit a narrative of proposed activities and a copy of their application(s) to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).
10. No Home Occupation will be allowed to have a dumpster on site.
11. No Home Occupation will be allowed to be located in an accessory structure that is forward of the principal structure.

### C. Prohibited Home Occupations (The following uses are not permitted as a home occupation):

1. Animal Services
2. Concealed carry live-fire field practice
3. Contractor's office with outdoor storage of equipment and materials
4. Junkyard, recycling collection services, salvage yards
5. Medical and Dental Offices
6. Motor Vehicle or Boat Repair and/or Body Work
7. Sawmill
8. Yard sales & flea markets (more than six (6) in a calendar year)

**See the Home Occupation Application for Required Documentation**