



A **Home Occupation** means a commercial undertaking carried on as an auxiliary use in a dwelling.

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**The following is an excerpt from Section 2.1 of the Town of Smithers Zoning Bylaw No. 1987:**

2.1.1 Home occupations are permitted in all residential dwellings.

2.1.2 Home occupations shall be located:

- (a) On a parcel of land containing one or more dwelling units; and
- (b) Wholly within the principal building containing the dwelling or within a permitted auxiliary building, provided that not more than 40% of the total floor area (including basements and cellars) of the dwelling unit is occupied by the home occupation.

2.1.3 Home occupations shall not:

- a) Store outside of a building any materials, containers or products related to the home occupation;
- b) Include a commercial stable, kennel, restaurant, convenience store, service or repair of small engines, automotive or farm equipment, heavy equipment or marine equipment, or the parking of industrial or construction equipment or materials, other than vehicles duly licensed to operate on public highways;
- c) Sell goods except those goods directly related to the class of the home occupation;
- d) Employ a person who does not reside in the dwelling with which the home occupation is associated;
- e) Erect a sign other than a sign in accordance with the Town's Sign Bylaw;
- f) Involve manufacturing, welding, or any other light industrial use; and
- g) Produce noise, vibrations, smoke, dust, odour, litter, or heat, other than that normally associated with a dwelling, nor shall it create or cause any fire hazard, electrical interference, or traffic congestion on the street..

2.1.4 Home occupations shall meet all requirements of municipal bylaws and the BC Building Code.

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- 2.1.5 Home occupation Business Licenses will only be issued and approved by the Licensing Official when the requirements under this section are fulfilled by the applicant.

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**I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above excerpt related to home occupations.**

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**Name of Applicant(s):**

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**Signature of Applicant(s):**

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**Date**