

Home Occupation Information / Fact Sheet

A Business Registration is required of any resident operating a business in or from his/her home. Registration allows us to inform you of the guidelines you must meet in order to operate any type of business from a residence. This Information/ Fact Sheet is designed to answer a few questions before you apply for the required City Business Registration. The application form and a checklist for new businesses is available on the City of Louisville website (www.louisvilleco.gov) under the Sales Tax & Licensing Division.

A “Home Occupation” is any occupation carried on in a dwelling or accessory building by members of the family occupying the dwelling. No servant, employee, or other person can be engaged in the occupation. The residential character of the building is to be maintained and the occupation is to be conducted in such a manner as not to give an outward appearance of a business. The business cannot infringe upon the right of neighboring residents to enjoy a peaceful occupancy of their homes.

The following information is a summary of the Louisville Municipal Code 17.16.040, which will clarify what is required for a Home Occupation. A copy of the complete code is available at City Hall in the Planning Department.

- Must be a SECONDARY USE of the building.
- Shall NOT occupy more than 20% of the total floor area of the home.
- If in an accessory building, that building shall NOT occupy more than 5% of the total lot area.
- Operated entirely from an enclosed structure.
- NO exterior storage of materials or equipment.
- NO visible evidence of the operation.
- Shall NOT generate objectionable traffic.
- Off-street parking MUST be provided to accommodate all needs.
- Shall NOT generate objectionable odor, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, etc.
- NO advertising display or sign on the premises.
- Shall NOT cause an increase in the amount of any utility beyond that of the average uses in the neighborhood.
- Following occupations are NOT permitted:
 - Auto repair or motorized implement repair
 - Dance, music or other instruction with more than 4 students at a time
 - Dental office
 - Medical office
 - Painting of vehicles, trailers or boats
 - Private schools with organized classes
 - Radio and TV repair
 - Barber/ Beauty Shop
 - Welding Shop
 - Nursing home
 - Massage therapy by a massage therapist
 - Sexually oriented business – any retail or wholesale sales upon the premises of materials specified that describe or depict specific sexual activities or specific anatomical areas.
 - Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.

For further information, please contact the [Planning Department](#) at 303.335.4592.