



# Requirements for Home Occupations

(Home Based Businesses Only)

Chapter 23 – ZONING. Article VI. Sec. 23-614.

Basic Provisions

- There shall be no exterior evidence of the home occupation, including signage.
- There shall be no activity or display visible from the area of the property that would indicate a business is being conducted thereon.
- No use shall create noise, dust, vibration, odor, smoke, glare or electrical interference that would be detectable beyond the dwelling unit.
- No mechanical or electronic equipment not normally found in a home shall be used in the commercial enterprise.
- The use shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit and only persons living in the dwelling unit shall be employed at the location of the home occupation.
- No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the dwelling unit and in no case more than five hundred (500) square feet, whichever is less, may be used for the conduct of the home occupation.
- No use shall involve public contact on the property and no article, product or service shall be sold from the premises other than by telephone or over the internet. Any such article or product shall not be delivered to the purchaser at the premises.
- No materials or equipment shall be stored on the premises upon which the home occupation is located, except where such materials and equipment are stored entirely within the residence.
- No vehicle other than a passenger automobile, passenger van, or passenger truck shall be used in the conduct of a home occupation, and no other vehicle shall be parked or stored on such premises.
- No home occupation shall be operated so as to create or cause a nuisance.
- Home occupation shall not include the use of a dwelling unit for the purpose of operating any automobile repair establishment, automobile brokers office, automobile dealer’s office, taxi service and dispatch agencies, van service, limousine service, wrecker service, car wash, or ammunition or firearms sales establishment.
- Home occupation shall be limited to entities who have established residency in the City of Doraville, Georgia pursuant to Section 23-402.

Vehicles: Vehicles used in the conduct of a home occupation which are marked on the exterior in such a manner as to indicate a commercial enterprise, may be parked on the premises provided that such vehicles are parked within an enclosed garage or a carport. All materials, equipment, tools or other personal property utilized in conjunction with a home occupation and transported on vehicles utilized by that home occupation, including but not limited to ladders, glass, building supplies and other tools, shall be offloaded from such vehicles when they are parked on the residential property and shall be securely stored in a fully enclosed building or rear yard within a fenced area sufficient that they cannot be viewed from the street or from adjacent property.

Parking exception: To the extent that a home occupation is conducted in a residence which does not contain a garage or carport and for which such vehicles therefore must be parked upon the driveway, no more than one such vehicle may be parked outside a garage or driveway at any time that contains business identification or marking on the exterior of the vehicle in permanent letters.

Markings: Residents maintaining home occupations are encouraged to use magnetic or removal signs or identifiers on such vehicle in lieu of permanent markings. While one (1) vehicle with permanent markings may be allowed to park outside the structure pursuant to permit under this provision, all remaining vehicles used by the home occupation and located on the property which cannot be parked within a garage or carport must use magnetic or removal signs which are removed when the vehicles are parked at the residence.

For existing home occupations, see *Temporary permit* in Sec. 23-614 for the process to continue to use a vehicle that does not meet current standards.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.** The Occupational Tax Certificate (OTC) is granted on the express condition that the home business shall conform to the ordinances and laws of the City of Doraville, GA and may be revoked at any time upon violation of any provisions of said ordinances. **I HEREBY AUTHORIZE CITY STAFF TO INSPECT PREMISES OF ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE.**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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