

5.17 HOME BUSINESSES

5.17.1 General Provisions for Home Businesses

One or more home businesses are permitted within a dwelling unit as accessory uses, subject to the following provisions:

- a) No home business shall result in a change to the residential character of the building in which it is located.
- b) Only one (1) non-resident employee, partner, or associate of a home business is permitted per dwelling unit, regardless of the number of home businesses in the dwelling unit.
- c) The home business shall not create or become a nuisance in regard to odours, vibrations, traffic generated or parking or by producing at the property line or noise that disturbs the inhabitants in contravention of the City's Noise Control By-law.
- d) The home business shall not create or become a fire, health or building hazard.
- e) There shall be no outdoor display, sales or outdoor storage area in conjunction with a home business.
- f) There shall be no external display or advertising or the home business except in accordance with the City of Owen Sound Sign Bylaw.
- g) There shall be no more than one (1) vehicle permitted on the premises, which is either commercially licensed or otherwise used in conjunction with the home business. Sec. 5.18.8 of this By-law respecting Commercial Motor Vehicles, Tractor Trailers and Buses in Residential zones shall continue to apply.
- h) The home business shall not involve the shipping or receiving of goods or materials by commercial vehicles other than automobiles or delivery vans used by courier services.
- i) The gross floor area (GFA) occupied by one or more home businesses including any accessory buildings and structures, shall not occupy exclusively more than 25% of the dwelling unit to a maximum of 40.0 m², whichever is the greater.
- j) There shall be no more than 4 cubic metres of storage of materials of a non-toxic or non-hazardous nature and such storage shall be wholly within the portion of the building containing the home business.
- k) Regardless of the number of home businesses, a maximum of 3 clients may be present on the property at any given time.
- l) An additional parking stall is provided for the home business in addition to those required by the By-law for other permitted uses on the property. Notwithstanding, if there is no parking requirement for the main use as determined Section 5.18 of this By-law then no additional parking is required.

5.17.2 Restricted Home Business Uses

The following restrictions apply to the types of businesses and activities permitted as a home business, and shall apply in addition to the general provisions outlined in Sec. 5.17.1.

- a) No manufacturing activity involving the processing of raw or semi-processed materials shall be carried out in conjunction with a home business except for the small-scale fabrication of handmade goods or crafts, such as those associated with a home studio, home catering service, or home sewing establishment. The small-scale assembly of fully processed goods is permitted.
- b) Retail sales are not permitted as part of a home business. Indirect sales are permitted but shall be limited to items that are prepared within the area associated with the home business or which are accessory to the home business.
- c) A repair service shall be limited to the repair of personal effects and small household appliances such as electronic equipment. The repair of vehicles, major appliances, and equipment that have oil and grease-filled transmissions such as lawn care equipment or other power equipment is not permitted.
- d) A Vehicle-for-Hire Service is permitted as a home business but shall not include a transportation depot or taxi dispatch office as defined in this By-law.
- e) The grooming of dogs, cats, or other household pets is permitted as a home business provided that all pens and holding areas for pets are within completely enclosed buildings and there is no overnight accommodation of such pets.