

## Home-based Business

### Excerpts from the Zoning By-law 02-121:

**HOME-BASED BUSINESS** shall mean an occupation, trade, business, profession or craft conducted as an accessory use to the use of a dwelling and includes the following:

- Instruction of students;
- Respite care or day care, provided that no residential accommodation is provided;
- Occupations in the areas of a personal service, a service outlet or a tradesperson's establishment, all as defined in this By-law [see over];
- Office for conducting a business or profession;
- Studio of an artist, artisan or craftsman.

***A home-based business shall be permitted as an accessory use to a residential use in accordance with the following provisions:***

1. No more than 25% or 50 m<sup>2</sup> of the floor area of the dwelling unit, whichever is lesser, shall be used for the home-based business.
2. The use(s) shall not be visible or apparent from adjacent properties, other than permitted signage if any.
3. There shall be no open storage of inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles or other materials, or outdoor animal enclosures.
4. There shall be no storage of hazardous materials such as paint or other flammable, corrosive or explosive substances.
5. There shall be no direct retail sale of goods other than those produced on the premises, those associated with a service that is provided or is a transaction where the customer contacts the business to place an order to purchase or rent.
6. Where instruction, respite care or day care is provided, there will be no more than six persons, other than the instructor or caregiver, in attendance at any one time. In the case of all other home-based businesses, not more than one individual client or customer shall be served at any one time.
7. A maximum of two employees may work on the premises at one time, in addition to the resident(s) of the dwelling unit.
8. Up to 15 m<sup>2</sup> of floor area may be within a private garage or in an accessory structure, provided that these structures comply with all other provisions of the Zoning by-Law.
9. Not more than one commercial vehicle related to the home based-business shall be kept on the premises.
10. The home-based business shall not, in the opinion of the Township, change the predominantly residential character of the property.
11. The home-based business shall not create or become a public nuisance with regard to noise, odours, vibration, heat, traffic, lighting or other annoyance.

**Off-street parking** space for a home-based business is allowed as follows:

<i>Type of Use</i>	<i>Number of Parking Spaces Required</i>
One and two-unit dwellings	2 parking spaces per dwelling unit
Dwellings of three units or more	1 parking space per dwelling unit
Home-based business	1 parking space in addition to the applicable dwelling requirement above
Bed and breakfast	1 parking space per guest room in addition to the applicable dwelling requirement above

**Occupations defined in the by-law:**



**PERSONAL SERVICE** shall mean an establishment where a personal service related to the grooming or health of persons is provided, or where the maintenance or repair of personal wardrobe articles is performed. A personal service may include a hair stylist, an aesthetician, a tailor, a shoe repair shop, a laundromat, a dry cleaning distribution outlet or similar use.

**SERVICE OUTLET** shall mean an establishment where articles, goods or materials, excluding vehicles, may be repaired or serviced.

**TRADESPERSON'S ESTABLISHMENT** shall mean a building or part of a building which, in addition to or as well as serving as an office, serves as a storage facility for the materials and equipment of, and/or a workshop for the undertaking of repairs, the preparation of materials, or the production of items on a custom order basis, by one of the following tradespersons: heating and cooling systems specialist, cabinet maker, carpenter, chimney sweep, drywaller or plasterer, electrician, exterminator, fence installer, furniture refinisher, glass installer, grounds maintenance person and landscaper, handyman, janitor, mason, painter, plumber, printer, snow plough operator, upholsterer, window cleaner and similar tradespersons whose activities are not otherwise defined in this By-law.