

GUIDELINES: HOME OCCUPATION

A home-based business (home occupation) is an occupation or profession which is customarily carried on entirely within the dwelling unit by a member of the family residing in the dwelling unit, which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling unit for residential purposes and which conforms to the standards established by the City of Wentzville in the Land Use Regulations Chapter 405, Section 405.460. Detailed information can be found in the Municipal Code under Article III.

Regulations:

Home occupations shall be permitted as an accessory use to a residential use in any residential district subject to the requirements of this section.

- Home occupations are permitted in the residential districts so long as the use meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section and are not prohibited by subsection (c) of this section. A list of specific accessory uses permitted as home occupations can be found under subsection (b).
- Prohibited home occupations shall not, in any event, be deemed to include, but not be limited to, the specific uses as shown under subsection (c).
- Applicants for home-based businesses shall register their business on a form provided by the city at the office of the city clerk, in lieu of receiving approval of a business license for operation. The operation of the business shall conform to the standards of this section. At the time of registration the applicant/owner of the home occupation shall acquire a copy of this Code's standards to maintain compliance with these regulations. The registration shall terminate if, for any reason, the registered use ceases for more than six months.
- If a violation to the standards of this section is determined, the Community Development director or designee shall give notice to the owner of the home-based business or, if the business owner cannot be located, the owner of record of the property on the premises of the home-based business requiring compliance with this section. The city may at any reasonable time inspect the home occupation to determine if the applicant/owner is adhering to city standards. That person found to be in violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to provisions of Article XI of Chapter 405.

How to Apply for a Home Occupation:

- Complete application [Home Occupation Registration](#).
- Email the completed application to City staff at Kathryn.Bowman@wentzvillemo.gov or Charles.Senzee@wentzvillemo.gov.
- Mail or drop off at City Hall, 1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd. Wentzville, MO 63385

No Fee

Questions?

Contact the Community Development Department

☎ (636) 327-5101

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