

City of North Charleston
HOME OCCUPATION BUSINESS LICENSE

Home occupation businesses are permitted in residential zoning districts by the City of North Charleston's Zoning Regulations under the following conditions:

1. The person operating this business is a permanent resident of this home.
2. No more than one (1) person in addition to the permanent resident(s) of the home is employed by the business.
3. There is no external evidence of the occupation except an announcement sign not more than two (2) square feet in area. (Please note a separate sign permit is required.) Thus, no commercial vehicles with the name of the business are to be parked on site.
4. Not more than twenty-five (25) per cent of the total floor area of the home, not to exceed 600 square feet, is used for the business.
5. No display of products is visible from the street and no products are sold from the home.
6. This business will not create any disturbing or offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, heat, glare, traffic hazard, unhealthy or unsightly condition.
7. No activities will occur outside of the residence for example in the yard and/or any detached garage. (Such activities would be in direct violation of the provisions set forth above and are enforceable by law.)
8. The tract or parcel of land on which the business is located is not restricted by any recorded covenant that is contrary to, conflicts with, or prohibits the permitted activity, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 6-29-1145. Please note that the business may also need to comply with requirements stipulated in any covenants and restrictions and/or conditions imposed by the property owners' association or rental management company, in addition to the City requirements enumerated above.
9. For home daycares:
 - a. The applicant has a valid South Carolina [family child care registration](#).
 - b. No more than six (6) children are permitted in the daycare.

Please see Sections [3-2](#), [5-1](#), and [8-10](#) of the Zoning Regulations for information regarding home occupations.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact the Planning and Zoning Department directly at (843) 740-2571.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE:

A **change of address** must be reported to the license official within ten (10) days after removal of the business to a new location, and the license will be valid at the new address upon written notification of the license official and compliance with zoning and building codes. Failure to obtain the approval of the license official for a change of address shall invalidate the license and subject the licensee to prosecution for doing business without a license. A business license shall not be transferable and a transfer of controlling interest shall be considered a termination of the old business and the establishment of a new business requiring a new business license, based on old business income ([Section 10.5-26\(b\)](#) of the Municipal Code).