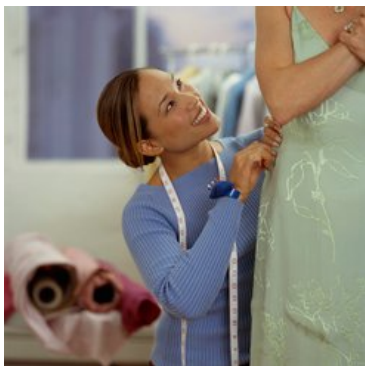


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Home Occupations in Watertown Charter Township

Home occupations are permitted and encouraged in Watertown Township. Many already exist, including small businesses like computer repair, woodworking and music lesson instruction. Establishing a home occupation in Watertown Township is a simple process, requiring a permit and a \$50.00 fee. The home occupation must meet the following requirements:

Employees

Members of the immediate family residing in the home and not more than two other persons can be engaged in the occupation.

Use

The home occupation must be clearly incidental to its use for residential purposes. It must be entirely operated within the home or accessory building, and must not exceed 25% of the gross floor area. (*GFA generally excludes most basements, attics, porches and garages.*)

Appearance & Signage

The exterior of the home or accessory building cannot change as a result of the home occupation. You may however, install one non-illuminated sign to advertise the business with the following requirements:

- The sign must be less than three feet in height, and cannot exceed six square feet in area.
- The sign must be mounted flat against the wall or placed in the yard, at least five feet from the lot line, and not placed in the road right-of-way.

Sales

Goods or products produced on the premises may be sold from the home, however no other retail sales of merchandise is permitted.

Traffic

A home occupation may not generate more traffic than is normally expected in the area. Parking needs must be met within the driveway. No parking is permitted in the front yard.

Other Restrictions

For neighbors to have a reasonable expectation of comfort with your home occupation, it may not create any noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical interference which may be picked up by normal senses.

Applications for home occupations are reviewed in consultation with the Zoning Administrator, and all of the above requirements must be met for a permit to be approved. Please call the Planning and Zoning office with any questions, or refer to section 28-569 of the Zoning Ordinance.