



## Important Guidelines for Home Occupation in the City of Beloit

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# Guidelines to Follow for Home Occupation

## Home Occupation ?

You may be an entrepreneur, architect, lawyer, or doctor and are considering operating your small business from home to save on overhead expenses. Well, the City of Beloit allows its residents to operate small businesses in residential districts as an accessory use. This means that the accessory use is secondary to the principal residential use., and serves to allow a resident an opportunity to operate his/her business from home while also making sure such activities do not negatively impact the interest and safety of the neighborhood.

There are some guidelines that residents must follow to be in compliance with the city code and they will be outlined in this brochure. For more details, residents should refer to the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 19, Section 6.3.2 , or contact the principal planner.

## Internal Operations

- The resident operating the home business must live at the house fulltime.
- The operations of the home business must be located inside the home, not in an attached or detached garage, or outside the home.
- One full-time nonresident employee is allowed, or two part-time nonresident employees are allowed (part-time here means four hours per day).
- The home business can not occupy no more than twenty-five percent of the floor area of your home.
- Animal care, boarding facilities, and food service businesses (i.e. restaurants, catering, etc.) are not permitted
- The use of a home occupation as a distribution center is not permitted (i.e. employees come to principal building and is dispatched to other locations).
- Home Daycares with a maximum of eight children are permitted under these home occupation guidelines. State licensing rules apply.

- For more information on household sales and garage sales see the Zoning Ordinance,, Chapter 19, Section 6.4.4

## External Operations

- One nameplate sign that is not illuminated can be attached to the exterior of your home at a maximum of two square feet.
- No vehicle repair , vehicle services, or self-storage service are not permitted, and are prohibited
- Customers can only visit the site of the home business between the hours of 8:00am to 8:00pm, and may not exceed twelve customers per day.
- Deliveries and pick-ups associated with the home business may only occur between 8:00 am to 8:00pm.