

# Zoning Information Guide

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**City of Phoenix**  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Home Occupation Standards

### Section 608.C.9

**This is a brief summary of the regulations for a Home Occupation. It is intended for convenience only and does not replace the ordinance itself.**

**Home Occupation:** Home occupation is a professional activity, or use which is clearly a secondary use of a residential dwelling unit, and which does not alter the exterior of the property or affect the residential character of the neighborhood.

Home occupations are subject to the following standards (Section 608.C.9):

- a. No one outside the family residing in the dwelling unit shall be employed in the home occupation.
- b. No exterior display, no exterior storage of material, no sign, and no other exterior indication of the home occupation or variation from the residential character of the principal or accessory building, except as authorized in paragraph "h" below.
- c. No home occupation shall emit odor, dust, gas, noise, vibration, smoke, heat, or glare beyond any boundary of the lot on which the home occupation is conducted.
- d. Activity shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- e. No mechanical equipment shall be used except that normally used for domestic, hobby, standard office, or household purposes.
- f. Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total area under roof on the site shall be used for any home occupation.
- g. Any parking incidental to the home occupation shall be provided on the site.
- h. Home occupations shall obtain a Use Permit in accordance with Section 307 of the Zoning Ordinance when:
  - 1) Traffic (other than trips by occupants of the household) is generated by the home occupation, or
  - 2) The home occupation is conducted in an accessory building, or
  - 3) The home occupation is conducted as an outside use, or
  - 4) Minor variations to Section 608.C.9.c. above are required to conduct the home occupation,
  - 5) An applicant requests an official approval of a home occupation.
- i. A home occupation shall not include (but such exclusion shall not be limited to) the following uses:
  - 1) Barber shops and beauty parlors
  - 2) Massage parlors
  - 3) Restaurants
  - 4) Veterinary hospitals and offices, commercial kennels, commercial stables, and dog grooming.

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