

§ 18-10-128. Home occupations.

A home occupation shall comply with all of the following requirements.

(1) A home occupation shall be located and conducted entirely in a principal dwelling unit and shall be incidental and secondary to the use of the structure as a dwelling.

(2) A home occupation may not change the character of the dwelling unit and may not exceed 25% of the total floor area.

(3) Home occupations are limited to the following:

(i) art, handcraft, woodworking, or ceramics studios for the sale of products made on the premises;

(ii) florist or nursery operations for flowers and plants;

(iii) hair and nail salons;

(iv) jewelry, watch, or clock repair;

(v) seamstress or tailoring establishments;

(vi) photography studios;

(vii) professional or general offices;

(viii) scissor or saw sharpening operations;

(ix) massage practice in which only one State-licensed massage therapist or practitioner practices massage in the dwelling unit as a sole practitioner and receives no compensation from any establishment or individual other than the recipient of the massage;

(x) repair and maintenance of firearms, including handguns, rifles, shotguns, and antique firearms, as those terms are defined in the Criminal Law Article, § 4-201, of the State Code;

(xi) typing and computer services;

(xii) direct sale product distribution, such as Amway, Tupperware, and Avon;

(xiii) tutoring and instruction for no more than six students;

(xiv) child care for a maximum of 12 children in accordance with the requirements of the State Child Care Administration;

(xv) taxidermy, excluding butchering, rendering, or tanning; and

(xvi) pet care business, on a lot of 20,000 square feet or greater, provided the total number of dogs and cats at the residence at any time does not exceed the number of dogs and cats permitted to be kept on the property under § [18-4-104\(a\)](#) of this Code, the homeowner does not board animals in outside kennels, dogs are kept in a fenced area with a secure locking gate when outdoors, and the use is not noxious or offensive to surrounding uses.

(4) The operator of a home occupation shall be a resident of the dwelling unit in which the occupation is located.

(5) No more than one nonresident may be employed in the home occupation.

(6) The sale or rental of goods or products other than those produced on the premises by the home occupation is prohibited.

(7) Outside storage is prohibited.

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