

2.15 Home Based Business – Regulations

- 1. A Home Based Business shall:
 - a) be accessory to the residential use of a lot;
 - b) be conducted by the permanent residents of the lot on which the home based business activity is located;
 - c) be located within a Dwelling Unit, attached garage or accessory building and may include accessory outdoor storage;
 - d) not be carried out in an area that exceeds 400 m² of the floor area of the Dwelling Unit, attached garage or accessory building, including all accessory outdoor storage;
 - e) notwithstanding subsection d), not occupy more than 49% of the floor area of the Dwelling Unit;
 - f) have a maximum of 2 non-resident employees working on the lot;
 - g) limit sales of related or unrelated goods combined with home based business product sales to a maximum of $1/3^{rd}$ of home based business floor area ¹;
 - not include on-site retail sale of foods designed for immediate consumption other than breakfast served by a bed and breakfast to guests who have been provided overnight accommodation;
 - i) in the case of a bed and breakfast, provide a maximum of three (3) guest rooms located only within the dwelling unit for use by members of the traveling public.
- Notwithstanding the regulations in Section 2.15.1(d), for parcels zoned A-1, the Home Based Business shall not be carried out in an area that exceeds 200 m² of the floor area of the Dwelling Unit, attached garage or accessory building, and may include accessory outdoor storage in an area that does not exceed 200 m².
- 3. Section 2.15.1(d) does not apply to outdoor areas used for the cultivation of fruit, vegetables, flowers or other crops grown as part of a home based business.
- 4. Home Based Business may install a sign as outlined in Section 2.14.
- 5. The following uses are **not permitted** as a Home Based Business:
 - a) animal breeding in excess of two litters per lot per calendar year;
 - b) animal boarding;
 - c) public assembly use or recreation facility;
 - d) school pursuant to the *Schools Act*;
 - e) processing or manufacturing of chemicals, solvents, paint, varnish, lacquer, rubber;
 - f) slaughtering or butchering of animals;
 - g) seafood processing or canning of foods with a pH level greater than or equal to 4.5;
 - h) laundries or dry-cleaning;

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- i) primary mineral processing;
- j) funeral home, cemetery, or crematorium;
- k) vehicle wrecking yard or dismantling of vehicles;
- I) waste disposal facility, recycling facility, or recycling other than the reuse of a recyclable material in the production of another finished product;
- m) marshalling of vehicles, equipment, or machinery;
- n) sale of automotive fuel, oil, or fluids;
- o) warehousing or storage of goods or chattels of a person other than an owner or occupant of the lot;
- p) retail sales where no products are produced or processed as part of the Home Based Business; ¹
- q) cannabis production².
- 6. Home Based Business shall not be permitted within a secondary suite.
- 7. Bed and Breakfast shall not be permitted on a lot that contains a suite.
- 8. Where a secondary suite is located on a lot less than 8,000 m² in area, the Home Based Business must be contained in a building.

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² Bylaw No. 1285.31, adopted April 24, 2018

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