



HOME BUSINESS RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

Code Enforcement & Public Health

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All home businesses in Brooklyn Park must register with the city and meet all ordinance requirements. A permit, which is renewed annually, must be obtained. This permit allows a business use at a residential property only if the residential character of the neighborhood is maintained.

Certain types of businesses may also require a license from the city, county, or state. Please check with the county and state to see if your business requires a license from them. Further, certain types of businesses are restricted or not allowed in residential neighborhoods. For example, food/beverage operations must meet health regulations, which is difficult in a home environment.

Chapter 152.262 of the Brooklyn Park Zoning Code regulates home businesses in the city. Some of these requirements are provided below.

- **Employees-** The home business must be carried out by the occupants of the dwelling unit. One non-occupant may be employed and working out of the home.
- **Merchandise Sales-** No products may be sold from the home that are produced off-site, except those products that are not marketed and sold in wholesale or retail outlets.
- **Storage-** The outside storage of materials, equipment, parts, or supplies is prohibited. For health and safety reasons, the interior storage of food/beverage and other items is prohibited.
- **Deliveries-** Deliveries are limited to the types that typically serve residences. Such traffic and parking needed for deliveries must comply with all applicable sections of the city code.
- **Parking-** Parking for clients or customers visiting the property must comply with all applicable sections of the city code and are limited to five vehicles at any one time. Storage or overnight parking of commercial vehicles, including tow-trucks, is prohibited.
- **Signs-** Only one non-illuminated, freestanding sign or wall sign is permitted for each home business, and may not exceed two (2) square feet in area. This sign must be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet back from the property lines along public streets.
- **Nuisances-** A home business may not create a nuisance to adjoining properties or adversely affect the character of the neighborhood. This includes controlling noise, lighting, trash or similar items.
- **Hazardous Materials-** The handling and use of hazardous materials is restricted. Any hazardous materials handling permits must be reported to and the use approved by the City.
- **Repair Services-** Repair services are limited to appliances or other items small enough to be carried by one person. Repair of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, equipment, and small engines are not permitted either as a business or a hobby.

- **Motor Vehicle and Recreation Equipment Sales** A vehicle must have current registration plates. The vehicle must be licensed to a resident of the property. The vehicle must comply with the parking requirements in this chapter and other city requirements. No more than two vehicles and equipment sales are permitted per parcel/property per calendar year.
- **Painting-** Painting of vehicles is not allowed in residential districts. Paint fumes must not exceed PCA or MN Department of Health standards.
- **Other Regulations-** All home businesses and hobbies must adhere to any and all applicable city, county, state and federal regulations.

Home Business Permit Required

A permit is required for conducting a home business.

- A home business permit application must be submitted and approved by the city. Call 763-493-8070 to have a permit sent to you.
- All applicable codes must be met.
- The permit period is from January 1 to December 31. Permits must be renewed each year.
- Permits are not transferable between persons or places.

Activities that one considers to be a hobby and not a business are not required to have a permit. However, the general standards that pertain to home businesses are used to make sure the integrity of the neighborhood is maintained at all times.

Resources for Starting a Business in Minnesota

"A Guide To Starting a Business in Minnesota" contains helpful information and an extensive resource directory. It can be obtained from the Minnesota Small Business Assistance Office. For more information, please call 651-296-3871.

A business name must be filed with the Secretary of State's office. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Office at 651-296-2803.

A permit to collect and remit Minnesota Sales and Use Tax must be obtained if you sell retail items that are taxable. For more information, contact the Department of Revenue at 651-296-6181.

Small Business Administration, SBA

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For additional information regarding home business requirements, please call:

Code Enforcement & Public Health Division at 763-493-8070

For information regarding locating a space for a business in Brooklyn Park, please call:

Economic Development 763-493-8391

This brochure is intended only as a general guide. Other codes and ordinances may apply. You can reference ordinances at the city website by visiting www.brooklynpark.org