



HOME OCCUPATIONS EXPLAINED

“Home Occupation” means any lawful occupation or business which is conducted entirely within a dwelling unit and which is clearly subordinate or incidental to the primary residential use of the dwelling.

Home Occupations are permitted in all residential zones.

1. No more than two non-resident employees.
2. Only one medical practitioner.
3. Only one hairdresser or barber.
4. Can only be located in the dwelling unit. NOT permitted in a detached garage. NOT permitted in an accessory building.
5. Maximum area permitted to be dedicated to the home occupation is 35% of floor area of the dwelling, up to a maximum of 42 m².
6. No outdoor storage or display of material or equipment is permitted. Any facilities associated with the home occupation cannot be in any outdoor amenity area or yard.
7. Only the accessory sale of retail goods is permitted.
8. Signage must comply with the Town of Newmarket Sign By-Law (see the By-law Department).
9. Off-street parking spaces shall be provided*.
10. The home occupation must be clearly secondary to the residential use and not change the residential character of the dwelling or lot.
11. Following uses are NOT permitted as a home occupation:
 - a medical clinic,
 - day nursery,
 - nursing home,
 - tea room,
 - veterinary clinic,
 - veterinary hospital,
 - automotive uses, or
 - body rub parlour.

***Parking requirements are:**

- 1 parking space for every 9m² of floor area (over 24m²) dedicated to the home occupation.
- Parking space size is 2.6m by 5m.
- Parking spaces must be on the driveway. Parking area in a garage does not count.
- Parking requirements are in addition to the those spaces required for the dwelling unit and accessory dwelling unit (if applicable).

Any material alterations to the house may require a building permit. Contact the Building Division for more information. buildings@newmarket.ca 905-953-5300 ext.2400

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This summary is prepared for information purposes and convenience only. For accurate reference, Zoning By law 2010 40 as amended should be consulted. Some properties in Newmarket are subject to different Zoning By laws, confirmation can be obtained from the Planning Division.