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Home Occupation Fact Sheet

The City of Brampton generally accepts the following as definitions of a Home Occupation.

1. A home occupation may be carried on within a single-family detached dwelling subject to the following requirements and restrictions:
 - (a) it is carried on only by the occupant of the dwelling or by members of his family residing there;
 - (b) the home occupation is secondary to the dwelling as a private residence, and does not occupy more than 15 per cent of the gross residential floor area of the dwelling, excluding the basement or cellar;
 - (c) the home occupation may be carried out in an accessory building or private garage;
 - (d) there are no changes in the external character of the dwelling as a private residence
 - (e) there are no goods, wares or merchandise offered or exposed for sale or kept for sale on the premises other than those produced on the premises;
 - (f) there is no outside storage of materials, goods, or vehicles in conjunction with the home occupation use;
 - (g) not more than one person, other than members of the family residing there, is employed on the premises in connection with the home occupation;

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- (h) one sign is permitted that shall be attached to a building and shall not be more than 0.15 square metres in area;
 - (i) no more than one home occupation shall be permitted in a dwelling; and,
 - (j) the following shall not be permitted as a home occupation:
 - (i) the repair and servicing of motor vehicles or internal combustion engines; and
 - (ii) any use, which from its nature of operation, creates a nuisance or is liable to become a nuisance, or offensive by the creation of noise, vibration, or by reason of the emission of gas, fumes, dust, glare or objectionable odour, or any other use which may be considered to be an obnoxious or offensive trade, business, or manufacture.
 - (iii) a massage or body rub parlour.
2. An office as a home occupation may be carried on within any dwelling unit subject to the following requirements and restrictions:
- (a) no more than one office shall be permitted in a dwelling unit;
 - (b) such office shall not be an office for a health care practitioner such as an office for a doctor, dentist, physiotherapist, masseuse, chiropractor, psychiatrist, X-ray or ultrasound operator, etc.;
 - (c) the nature of the office shall be such that there shall be no more than one visitor at any time;
 - (d) the total area devoted to the office shall not exceed 15 square metres;
 - (e) it is carried on only by the occupant of the dwelling or by members of his family residing there and there is no other employee on the premises in connection with the office;
 - (f) no exterior sign shall be permitted;
 - (g) there are no goods, wares or merchandise offered or exposed for sale or sold or kept for sale on the premises; and
 - (h) an office, which from the nature of the operation creates a nuisance or is liable to become a nuisance or offensive by the creation of noise, vibration, or objectionable odour, or be an obnoxious or offensive trade or business shall not be permitted.

For additional information regarding the zoning requirements of Home Occupations contact the City of Brampton's Zoning Department at 905-874-2090.