



**BOSSIER CITY—PARISH  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**CRITERIA FOR HOME OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**

**Definition of Home occupation:**

Any occupation for gain or support conducted only by members of a family residing in a dwelling and conducted entirely within the dwelling, provided that no article is sold or offered for sale except such as may be produced by members of the family residing in the dwelling and further provided that the occupation is incidental to the residential use of the premises and does not utilize more than 25 percent of the floor area of the dwelling.

Home occupations shall include, in general, personal services such as are furnished by a physician, dentist, musician, artist, cosmetician, or seamstress when performed by the person occupying the building as his or her private dwelling, and including the employment of no more than one non-resident employee.

A home occupation as defined by this Ordinance shall be deemed an accessory use provided that such home occupation:

- A. Is conducted entirely within a dwelling or integral part thereof and has no outside storage of any kind related to the home occupation or in the case where activities take place away from the dwelling such activities are in full compliance with the provisions of this Title;
- B. Is clearly incidental and secondary to the principal use of the dwelling and does not utilize more than 25 percent of the floor area;
- C. Is conducted only by persons residing on the premises and no more than one (1) non-resident employee;
- D. Does not necessitate or cause the exterior appearance of any structure to be other than residential and is not disruptive of the residential character of the neighborhood;
- E. Has no advertising of the home occupation on the site or structures, except as permitted in Section 8.2.3A [Small name plate will be permitted];
- F. Creates no disturbing or offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, heat, glare, unhealthy or unsightly condition, traffic or parking problem;
- G. Does not involve retail sales or services that bring more than 10 customers per day to the dwelling;
- H. Home occupations shall not involve the outside area of the residence;
- I. Work conducted in an Accessory Building, such as an outdoor workshop, is prohibited unless approved as a Special Exception Use following the procedures of Section 3.3.3 and shall comply with the above standards.

**8.2.3A: No Permit Required – Specific Districts**

**In all residential districts, one business sign of no more than 4 square feet in area, on each side, and only 1 sign is allowed per residence. The residence must have a Certificate of Occupancy for a home occupation to be eligible for a home based business sign.**