



# City of Barre, Vermont

*“Granite Center of the World”*

Permitting Office in City Hall ~ 6 N Main Street, Suite 7, Barre, VT 05641

## HOME BUSINESS CHECKLIST

**Home Business:** Is the accessory use of a single family residential property for a small business that may alter the residential character of the property.

This form is intended to assist an applicant to see if a home business will be allowed.

A Home Business is allowed in the UC-2 and UC-3 and MU-1, MU-2 and MU-3 Zoning Districts, and is a **Conditional Use** in any of the Residential Zoning Districts (R-16, R-12, R-8, R-4).

### A Home Business MUST:

**NOT have an adverse effect on the character of the neighborhood**

A. The Owner of the home business shall reside on the premises;

B. Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Home Business Legal name and description:

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**Meet the Performance Standards on Page 3 of this guidance document.**

Please comment if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Operate only between the hours of 7 am to 7 pm unless otherwise established as a conditional approval**

A. Please describe the desired days and hours of operation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**It MUST NOT be primarily retail in nature, except that retail sales of goods manufactured on the premises and ancillary sales of products directly related to the provision of a personal service (e.g., sales of hair care products by a hair**

**stylist) will be allowed;**

A. Please describe any retails sales associated with this request for a home business:

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**NOT occupy more than 50% of the habitable floor area of the dwelling but may occupy any amount of space in one or more accessory buildings**

A. Location of Home Business:  Main Home  Accessory Structure

B. Total square footage of the home, including living space: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Total square footage of accessory structure, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Total square footage to be used for the home business: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT employ more than four (4) people who do not live in the associated dwelling and who work on-site, and**

A. Number of total employees of home business: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Number of employees that are:  
Household members \_\_\_\_\_ Non-household members \_\_\_\_\_

**Design and maintain any outdoor storage or use areas in accordance with all applicable provisions of this ordinance and any conditions of approval**

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## Home Business Performance Standards

- 3105.A **Purpose.** The provisions of this section are intended to protect the character of and quality of life in the city's neighborhoods by preventing proposed development from creating or contributing to adverse off-site impacts that interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of nearby property.
- 3105.B **Noise.** Noise emanating off-site must be muffled, must not be distinct from the background sound level beyond the property line, and must not interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of nearby property. The Development Review Board may place specific limits on noise levels and hours of operation as deemed necessary to protect the character of the neighborhood.
- 3105.C **Glare.** Lighting must not be used in such a manner that it produces glare on streets or nearby property. Arc welding, acetylene torch cutting or similar processes must be performed so as not be visible from any point beyond the property line.
- 3105.D **Odors.** Emission of odors that are readily detectable without special instruments at any point beyond the property line and that interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of nearby property is prohibited.
- 3105.E **Vibration.** Vibration that is easily discernible without special instruments at any point beyond the property line is prohibited. This will not apply to vibration caused by motor vehicle, train or aircraft traffic or during construction. The Development Review Board may approve greater vibration levels for a specified period, frequency and purpose as appropriate to the proposed development and location.
- 3105.F **Electrical or Radio Interference.** No use or process must create interference with the operation of electrical or radio apparatus beyond the property line.
- 3105.G **Waste and Material Storage.** Storage of wastes or materials that attract insects or rodents, or otherwise create a health hazard is prohibited. Applicants must show the location of waste or materials storage facilities (including, but not limited to dumpsters) on the site plan and must screen such facilities in accordance with [Subsection 3106.F](#).
- 3105.H **Particulate Matter and Airborne Solids.** Generation of dust, dirt, fly ash or other airborne solids that accumulate at any point beyond the property line is prohibited except when related to approved construction or extraction activities. Generation of smoke or particulate matter beyond the property line that interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of nearby property is prohibited.
- 3105.I **Flammable, Toxic or Hazardous Substances and Wastes.** Flammable, combustible or explosive materials must be stored and handled in conformance with state and federal regulations. Such materials must be securely stored within an enclosed building or tank. Toxic or hazardous substances or wastes must not be released into the environment so as to cause contamination of any potable water supply, sanitary sewer or septic system, watercourse or water body, soil or air except as specifically permitted by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.