



# City of Barre, Vermont

*“Granite Center of the World”*

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## HOME OCCUPATION CHECKLIST

**Home Occupation:** Is the accessory use of a single family residential property for a small business that DOES NOT alter the residential character of the property.

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

A Home Occupation is allowed in any of the Residential Zoning Districts (R-16, R-12, R-8, R-4), as well as in the UC-3 and MU-1, MU-2 and MU-3 Zoning Districts.

**A home occupation MUST be customary in residential neighborhoods**

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

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

C. Home Occupation Legal name and description:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**It MUST NOT HAVE an adverse effect on the character of the neighborhood**

**IT MUST NOT generate regular traffic in excess of what is typical of other uses in the neighborhood**

A. Amount of traffic to be generated by the home occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Is additional parking required for the occupation? If so, how many will be needed?

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\_\_\_\_\_

C. Describe any truck deliveries: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Describe any walk-in traffic: \_\_\_\_\_

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**It MUST meet the Performance Standards on Page 3 of this guidance document.**  
Please comment if necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**It MUST operate only between the hours of 7 am to 7 pm on Monday through Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday**

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 retail sales associated with this request for a home occupation:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**It MUST NOT occupy more than 50% of the habitable floor area of the dwelling and/or more than 1,000 square feet in one or more accessory buildings**

A. Location of Home Occupation:  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 occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**It MUST NOT employ more than two (2) people who do not live in the associated dwelling and who work on-site, and**

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

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

**It MUST NOT have any outdoor storage or use areas, including product display or parking of heavy vehicles or equipment outside an enclosed structure**

## Home Occupation 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.