



**County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services**  
**HOME OCCUPATIONS**  
**ZONING DIVISION**

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Home Occupations: An occupation customarily conducted as an accessory use to a residential use entirely within a building containing a residential use or an attached garage.

Pursuant to Section 6156.m of the Zoning Ordinance, Home occupations, including in-home offices, shall be permitted in compliance with the following conditions:

1. There shall be no exterior evidence of the conduct of a home occupation.
2. A home occupation shall be conducted entirely within a dwelling, or an attached garage. However, a Cottage Foods Operation, as defined by Health and Safety Code Section 113758, shall be conducted only within a dwelling that contains the dwelling's kitchen and shall not be allowed in a garage or other accessory building.
3. Electrical or mechanical equipment which creates visible or audible interference in radio or television receivers or causes fluctuations in the line voltage outside the dwelling unit shall be prohibited.
4. The residents of the dwelling unit, and no more than one non-resident employee, may be engaged in the home occupation.
5. Limited indoor storage of goods or supplies (125 cubic feet max.) may take place within no more than one room of the dwelling and/or in the attached garage (provided required parking on-site is maintained and properly located).
6. Storage and use of most hazardous material and/or chemicals may require a permit from the Department of Environmental Health. Please call 877-713-2784 for any additional information.
7. There shall be no on-premise sale of goods except as allowed for a Cottage Food Operation by Health and Safety Code Section 114365 and with a valid County of San Diego Cottage Food permit from Department of Environmental Health. Occasional transport of goods from the premises for off-site sale may occur. Internet sales are not considered on-premise sale of goods.
8. The establishment and conduct of a home occupation shall not change the principal character or use of the dwelling unit or property involved.
9. There shall be no signs identifying or advertising the home occupation other than those permitted by Section 6252(d) of this ordinance.
10. The required residential off-street parking shall be maintained.
11. A home occupation shall not create vehicular or pedestrian traffic in excess of that which is normal for the zone in which it is located.
12. No more than six non-resident students at one time, and no more than 18 students during any one (1) day may be given tutoring in music, academics, dance, sports (such as swimming or tennis, not withstanding subsection 1 and 2 above), or other subjects at a residence. No students may be given instruction between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. All provisions of Noise Abatement and Control, Section 36.401 et seq. of the County Code, shall apply.

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