

Home-based Business Regulations

The City of Lakeport Municipal Code indicates that a Zoning Permit is required to establish a home-based business. The Zoning Permit carries a one-time fee and is required in addition to an annual Business License.

Issuance of the Zoning Permit for a home-based business requires notification of your adjoining neighbors as well as an on-site inspection of your business location to ensure compliance with the regulations set forth below.

Section 17.22.020 K. of the Lakeport Municipal Code sets forth the regulations for the operation of a home-based business:

K. Home Occupations:

1. The home occupation shall be strictly secondary and subordinate to the principle residential use and shall not change or detrimentally affect the residential character of the dwelling unit premises or neighborhood.
2. Home occupations shall not involve any structural alterations of the dwelling, and the entrance to the home occupation room shall be from within the dwelling except as approved by the City on a case-by-case basis.
3. The home occupation shall be conducted solely by the residential dwelling occupants and no employees shall be connected with the home occupation.
4. A home occupation shall not create any radio or television interference, any noise, any obnoxious odors or fumes, or any other detrimental negative effects to adjacent property owners.
5. There shall be no outdoor storage of materials or supplies related to the home occupation.
6. Vehicles related to home occupations shall not be used for display of signs to attract attention to the home occupation.
7. One parking space shall be provided when a vehicle is to be used primarily as part of the home occupation in addition to those parking spaces required for the dwelling unit.
8. Home occupations shall comply with all applicable State, County, and local laws.
9. Home occupations shall not involve on-site retail sales as a primary function.