HOME OCCUPATION

WHAT IS A HOME OCCUPATION?

Home occupation is doing business from your home. In Snohomish Municipal Code 14.207.075(3), it is defined as a limited-scale service activity undertaken for financial gain within minimal or no on-site sales, which occurs in a dwelling unit or accessory building and is subordinate to the primary use of the premises as a residence.

HOW CAN I GET HOME OCCUPATION APPROVAL?

Home occupations require approval from the City of Snohomish, in addition to a City Home Occupation Business License through Washington State.

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR HOME OCCUPATION APPROVAL?
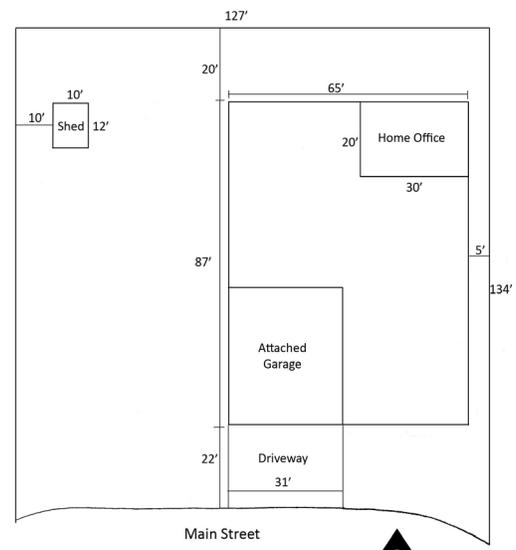
Home occupations must meet the following conditions:

➢ The occupation must be conducted within an enclosed building.

➢ No indication of the occupation, such as outdoor storage areas, abnormally higher traffic volumes, noise, vibration, dust, smoke, or odors shall be evident from outside the building in which the occupation is located.

➢ The occupation shall not produce ground water pollution or introduce objectionable waste into the City sewer system.

➢ No more than one (1) person outside the immediate family group residing on the premises shall engage in such occupation.

➢ Signage must comply with Chapter 14.245 of the Snohomish Municipal Code.

➢ The occupation cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the home square footage.

➢ The occupation must have a City Business License.

➢ The premises must be occupied by the occupation owner.

➢ The occupation will receive no more than 4 outside visits per day.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

To apply, you must submit your Home Occupation Business License application through Washington State's website.

IF NECESSARY CAN I DRAW MY OWN SITE PLAN?

City staff will reach out if a site plan is necessary. Your site plan does not have to be professionally drawn. You may draw your own site plan, as long as it is readable, and contains all the details required to complete the review.

Example of an acceptable hand-drawn site plan