

## Zoning Regulations for Home – Based Businesses (Home Occupations)

**HOME OCCUPATION** - means any occupation, trade, profession or craft, other than a minor child care facility or bed and breakfast as defined in this Bylaw, carried on by an occupant of a residential building as a use secondary to the residential use of the building and which does not change the character thereof or have any exterior evidence of such secondary use other than a small nameplate not exceeding 0.28 m<sup>2</sup> (3 ft<sup>2</sup>). A home occupation does not include the keeping of stock-in-trade unless otherwise approved by the Development Authority.

Home occupations are divided into two categories: (a) **Minor home occupations** that do not employ any person outside of the home, do not generate more than one business related vehicle trip per day and do not extend beyond the confines of the residential unit; and (b) **Major home occupations** that may employ a person outside of the home, may generate more than one business related vehicle trip per day and may utilize accessory buildings but do not change the character thereof or have any exterior evidence of such secondary use and do not involve outside storage.

**CHILD CARE, MINOR** - means when a dwelling unit is used to provide a facility and/or program for the care, maintenance and supervision of six or fewer children under the age of 15 years, by a person who resides in the dwelling unit and who is either related or unrelated to the children involved, for periods of more than three but less than twenty four (24) consecutive hours, other than institutions operated by or under the authority of the Director of Child Welfare.

1. **Development Permit** – Persons wishing to operate a home-based business must apply for a development permit from the Town of Grande Cache.
2. **Transferability** – A business license/development permit is only valid for the address shown on the permit.
3. **Maximum Floor Area** – No more than 25% of the gross floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used for a home-based business. Gross floor area included attached or detached garage.

4. **Employees** – A home-based business will not employ any person not currently residing in the residence.
5. **Parking** – Parking will comply with the parking regulations of the Town of Grande Cache Land Use By-Law for residential areas which requires two (2) off street parking stalls per dwelling unit. No vehicle(s) of a maximum weight not exceeding 2,772 kg (3 tons) shall be parked on a site in a residential district, except for the purpose of loading and unloading.
6. **Advertising** – A home-based business shall not involve advertising or signage visible from the exterior of the residence except for one non-illuminated fascia sign or nameplate to identify the home occupation not greater than 0.28m<sup>2</sup> (3 ft<sup>2</sup>) in an area placed within or flat against the residence or any accessory building.
7. **Zero Impact** – Any home-based business shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic or parking shortage in excess of what is characteristic of the land use district in which it is located. Any vehicles parked on-street or off-street as a result of a home occupation, in the opinion of the development Authority, shall not be a source of inconvenience to adjacent landowners or tenants. 0.28 m<sup>2</sup> (3 ft<sup>2</sup>) in area placed within or flat against the residence or any accessory building. A home occupation shall not, in the opinion of the Development Authority, be a source of inconvenience, materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring lot by way of excessive noise, smoke, steam, odour, dust, vibration or refuse matter which would not commonly be found in the neighbourhood.
8. **Mechanical Equipment** – There shall be no mechanical or electrical equipment used which creates visual, audible or electrical interference in radio or television reception.

For further zoning information including permitted and prohibited activities, appeal processes, or questions regarding any of the points listed above, contact the Development Office at 780-827-3362, ext. 30.