

HOME OCCUPATIONS & HOME BASED BUSINESSES



COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER PLANNING & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

<https://www.vermilion-river.com/departments/community-services/development-permits>

The County of Vermilion River issues Home Occupation or Home Based Business Permits to those who wish to run a business out of their home. Depending on where you are within the County and your current zoning, different rules may apply to you. Please see section **5.10** in the County's current Land Use Bylaw for complete details and what applies to you.

Home Occupations

- Shall not involve:
 - Storage or use of hazardous materials in quantities exceeding those found in a normal Household
 - Any use that would, in the opinion of the Development Authority, materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment or value of neighboring properties
- Shall not:
 - Generate offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odor, heat, glare, electrical or radio disturbances detectable beyond the boundary of the parcel on which the Home Occupation is located
 - Generate an increasing demand on one or more utilities which might exceed the average for the designated Residential use within the area
 - Cause a substantial fire rating change in the structure

Minor vs. Major Home Occupations

- MINOR Home Occupations:
 - Shall not occupy more than 20% of the gross floor area of the main building
 - Shall be no outdoor business activity or storage of material or equipment associated with the Home Occupation or Home Based Business on site
 - Up to **5** business visits per day allowed
 - No exterior alterations or additions allowed
 - No employees other than occupants of the dwelling
- MAJOR Home Occupations:
 - Shall not exceed **2** non-resident employees
 - Up to **10** business visits per day allowed in Agricultural, Industrial and Business Districts
 - Up to **8** business visits per day in all other Non-Residential Districts
 - Any alteration or addition requires an approved Development Permit

QUICK FACTS:

- The County of Vermilion River does **NOT** issue Business Licenses
- Advertising signs may be limited in size and number by the Development Authority
- All Development Permits issued for Home Occupations or Home Based Businesses shall be revocable at any time by the Development Authority
- Home Occupation or Home Based Business permits are valid for **one (1) year**
- It is the obligation of the Developer to seek renewal of the permit

business
Entrepreneur

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