

Home Occupations

Can I run a business out of my home?

Yes, but there are regulations to the type of business that is allowed and how it is operated. To begin, home occupations are permitted on any property where the principal use is a residential dwelling, regardless of the zoning district.

Excerpt from Table 4-2: Permitted Uses

Uses / Use Categories	Residential Zone Districts						Non-residential Zone Districts				Specific Use Standards			
	R-1-A	R-1-B	R-1-C	R-2-A	R-2-B	MUR-3-A	MUR-3-B	MUR-3-C	M-1	M-2		MU-B-1	MU-B-2	I-1
P = Permitted, subject to general district standards C = Permitted, only by conditional use permit discretionary review PD = Permitted only through a planned unit development = Blank means the use is not permitted														
Accessory Uses														
Home Occupation	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

Home Occupation Rules and Performance Standards

To determine your zoning district, scan the QR code at the bottom right corner of this page and enter your address.

- Remote work uses, where what is occurring at the residence is secondary to a business that is not located on the premises, are permitted.
- The residential character of your home cannot be changed to run your business. This includes alterations to entrances, storage areas, window displays, parking spaces, etc.
- Only residents of the home, plus two additional individuals that do not reside at the home, can participate in running the business.
- Your business can operate in the home or an allowed accessory building (garages, sheds, ADU's, etc.) but cannot take up more than 50% of the interior space. Business activities can also occur in a rear yard if it is screened from neighboring property and streets by a six-foot tall solid privacy fence.
- Your business cannot generate traffic, service, or deliveries that would be abnormal to a residential neighborhood.
 - Deliveries and/or customer or client visits should occur between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 - No more than twelve (12) customers per day and no more than two (2) at a time. ****Except for home care uses****
 - Group classes may have up to four (4) customers at one time, but no more than 12 customers per day.
 - For animal grooming uses, the total number of animals on site, including your own household pets, shall not exceed the numbers outlined in Englewood Municipal Code (EMC) § 7-1A-6.
 - EMC § 7-1A-6 Number of Animals Maintained on Premises: No household, place or premises may have more than three (3) dogs and three (3) cats over six (6) months of age, but in no case shall there be any combination of more than four (4) such animals.
 - To the greatest extent practicable, all parking necessary for your business needs to be confined to the garage, driveway, or the street directly in front of your residence.
- Any merchandise that is being sold on site must be made, grown, or prepared on site. On-site sales are permitted both indoors and outdoors.
 - Outdoor sales may occur in the front yard only on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Only temporary furniture is allowed and must be removed between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- No equipment, machinery, or operation used in running your business should be noticeable off site because of noise, smoke, odor, dust, glare, radiation, electrical interference, or vibration.
- Except for the home occupations in the R-1-A district, one sign is allowed for your business. It is limited to two (2) square feet in size and must be located within ten feet of the primary entrance to your home.



For the full list of home occupation performance standards, see Englewood Municipal Code (EMC) § 16-4-4.C.

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Prohibited Business Types

The following business types as prohibited home occupations in Englewood:

- Animal hospital or kennel, animal daycare, and breeders, except licensed canine and feline breeders and groomers.
- Personal care uses, except barbers, hairdressers, cosmetologists, beauticians, and massage therapists.
- Automobile service and repair, or vehicle sales requiring a state dealer's license.
- Sale, storage, or assembly of guns, or other weapons, or ammunition, excluding knives.
- Food or beverage services for on-site consumption, cottage foods as described in Article 4 of Title 25 C.R.S are permitted.
- Any use involving storage, operation, or parking of equipment and large vehicles such as towing, landscape maintenance, or construction businesses.
 - Except for one large vehicle used for off-site work that remains in compliance with the requirements listed in EMC § 11-6-2.
- Any use involving the dispensing, use, storage, or processing of hazardous materials
- Medical marijuana centers, medical marijuana-infused product manufacturers, or medical marijuana optional premises cultivation operation.
- Natural medicine healing center, natural medicine cultivation facility, natural medicine products manufacturer, or natural medicine testing facility.
- Manufacture of wine, distilled sprits, or malt beverages.

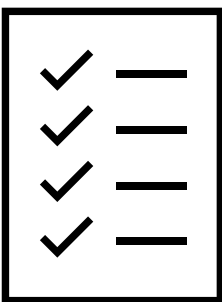


Special Exceptions for Home Occupations

If you are looking to start a home occupation, but your proposed business model does not meet all the previously mentioned requirements, the municipal code does allow for you to request a special exception from the Planning and Zoning Commission. A special request can be made to allow alterations to the performance standards. Special exceptions may only be granted for the previously listed performance standards. A special exception cannot be heard by the Commission to allow a listed prohibited use. An application for a special exception is reviewed according to the following criteria (EMC § 16-2-15.B):

1. The application supports the intent of the proposed zoning district and is otherwise determined to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Compatibility with the area and other allowed uses in terms of operating characteristics, hours of operation, visible and audible impacts, traffic patterns and parking demands, intensity of buildings and activity on the site, and other potential impacts on adjacent property.
3. The recommendations of City staff or other technical reviews associated with the application.
4. Whether any additional site- or use-specific conditions are necessary to ensure these criteria are met.

Business License Registration



Under [EMC § 4-4-1: Administration of Tax and License Requirement](#), all Englewood businesses must hold a valid Sales and Use Tax License and follow the Sales and Use Tax License code provisions.

To apply for a Sales and Use Tax License, go to <https://englewood.munirevs.com/>.

Applications are reviewed by various City Departments to confirm that the business is complying with local regulations, including, but not limited to, building code, safety regulations, zoning regulations, and health and sanitation requirements.

Feel free to contact the Revenue Division via email at revenue@englewoodco.gov or by calling 303-762-2414 to discuss the licensing process.



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