

Home Occupations

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Home Occupation Permits are required when you wish to run a business out of your home in the County of Vermilion River. Depending on where you are, 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.

QUICK FACTS:

- A) Advertising signs may be limited in size and number by the Development Authority
- B) No use requiring electrical or mechanical equipment shall cause a substantial fire rating change in the structure or the area in which the Home Occupation is located.
- C) Council may, by resolution, declare certain uses to be undesirable as Home Occupations.

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1 Complete a "Home Occupation Development Permit" and submit it to the County of Vermilion River office.

2 The Development Authority will abide by the current Land use Bylaw in reviewing your application. This process can take up to forty (40) days. Notification of public will be required.

NOTE: Please note that not all Home Occupations will be approved because it is dependent upon current zoning.

No variation in the residential character and appearance of the dwelling shall be permitted.

3 Certain things are not to be produced by home occupation use:

- Offensive noise
- Vibration
- Smoke
- Dust
- The generation of substantially more vehicular traffic

Did you know that a Bed & Breakfast is considered a Major Home Occupation? Along with all of the other regulations pertaining to Home Occupations, B&B's also:

- Can only have a maximum of three (3) sleeping units
- No cooking facilities within the sleeping units
- Facilities must meet Public Health Regulations
- Can only be operated by a live-in owner(s) and no more than two (2) paid assistants