



DIVISION OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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HOW TO APPLY VIA PUBLIC PORTAL

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT – SMALL GROUP HOMES

Section 1-19-11.100 Home Occupations. Any occupation or business use conducted entirely within a dwelling or an accessory structure, or both, by a resident of the property, and which is clearly an incidental residential use of the building, excluding antique shops in the VC, HS, and GC; bed and breakfast; commercial repair or storage of automobiles, watercraft, or other motor vehicles; commercial stables, kennels, and nurseries; mortuary establishments; professional offices; restaurants or tea rooms.

Section 1-19-11.100 Group Homes, Small Private. A residence that houses not more than 8 individuals who require specialized living arrangements and provides health services and supervision to those individuals.

Group Homes, Small Private is a permitted non-residential use in the following zoning districts and subject to zoning certificate approval and approval of all required building permits. Group Homes are allowed as a Home Occupation with Minor Impact and subject to Home Occupation regulations contained in this document. Please note that a Home Occupation Permit does NOT allow construction. A separate non-residential building permit is required for any construction related to a private group home.

Group Homes, Small Private is permitted as a Home Occupation with Minor Impact, subject to all applicable sections of this document and allowed in the following zoning districts; (RC) Resource Conservation, (A) Agricultural, (R1) and (R3) Low Density Residential, (R5) and (R8) Medium Density Residential, (R12) and (R16) High Density Residential, (VC) Village Center and (MX) Mixed Use Development.

Section 1-19-8.240(A)(5)(a): General home occupation standards.

All Home Occupations shall comply with the following conditions:

- (1) There will be no exterior evidence, other than a permitted sign, to indicate that the building is being used for any purpose other than that of a dwelling or an accessory structure.
- (2) No retail sales or services, other than goods grown, produced or assembled on the premises, shall be conducted on the premises; however, retail sales of products not produced on the premises are permitted when these sales are only incidental to and part of the primary function of the business. As a home occupation, antique shops in the A and RC Zoning Districts shall be permitted to conduct retail sales in accordance with the remaining requirements set forth in this chapter.
- (3) Additional off-street parking will be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth by use in Section 1-19-6.220 of the Ordinance. If there is a question as to the use and corresponding parking, the Zoning Administrator shall make the determination.

- (4) The home occupation shall not cause any odor, dust, smoke, vibration, noise, or electromagnetic interference which can be detected at or beyond the property line.
- (5) There will no outdoor storage of equipment, material or stock.
- (6) There will be no storage on the premises of explosives or highly flammable or extremely hazardous materials as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- (7) The business must be conducted by a full-time resident of the property.
- (8) Home occupations located on properties utilizing a common drive shall be required to give notice of home occupation use to adjoining property owners by registered or certified mail. Proof of notification is required.
- (9) Any interior structural alterations to accommodate the home occupation will require the issuance of a building permit.

Section 1-19-6.320(5) Home Occupation Signs:

- If a Residential Zone, one sign, two square feet maximum, attached to the principle or accessory structure.
- If an Agricultural or Resource Conservation Zone, one sign, two square feet maximum, six foot maximum height, setbacks as follows: Front Yard – 30 feet, Side – 10 feet, Rear – 10 feet.

HOME OCCUPATION WITH MINOR IMPACT

Section 1-19-8.240(A)(5)(c): Home Occupations with Minor Impact must obtain a Zoning Certificate through the Department of Permitting and Development Review. Home occupation owners must comply with the general home occupation standards in Subsection 1-19-8.240(5)(a) and the following conditions:

- (1) No more than two business-related vehicle visits per day no more than ten visits per week at the premises, excluding delivery vehicles, are permitted when the business is located on a local roadway as specified on the Comprehensive Plan. When located on a collector roadway, no more than five business-related vehicle visits per day at the premises, or no more than 20 per week, whichever is greater, excluding delivery vehicles, are permitted. There will be no limit on the number of business-related vehicle visits to a residence when located on an arterial roadway. Deliveries are only permitted by public or private delivery services that customarily make residential deliveries.
- (2) No more than one non-resident employee (full-time or part-time) is permitted to work on the premises.
- (3) In Residential and Resource Conservation zoned parcels, no more than 600 square feet of an accessory structure may be used for home occupation purposes. This square footage may increase to 1,200 square feet in the Agricultural zone and on lots over 5 acres in the Resource Conservation (RC) Zone. There is no limit to the amount of square footage which can be utilized within the principal structure, provided the home occupation remains incidental to the residential use. For parcels of 10 acres or greater in size, the size of accessory structures to be used may be enlarged by special exception after giving due consideration to setbacks, size and location of structure and impact on the adjoining properties.
- (4) More than one home occupation with Minor Impact may be carried out on the premises; however, the combined business-related impact of the home occupations shall not exceed the limits established in (c) 1-3 above.

(5) Home occupations with Minor Impact shall be permitted within townhouse, condominium, multiplex or apartment dwellings except that vehicle visits shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Please visit the Public Portal at planningandpermitting.frederickcountymd.gov and create an account if you have not already done so.

From My Dashboard page in the Public Portal you will want to click on the “[Submit an Application/Request](#)” link pictured below.

Welcome, KELLY!

Username: kvanaman@frederickcountymd.gov

Address: 30 N Market St, Frederick, MD 21701

Contact: (301)600-2328, kvanaman@frederickcountymd.gov

My Profile

For optimal performance this site should be viewed using a desktop browser

MY FEES 0

Total Amount Due: \$0.00

Make Payment

You have 0 unpaid fees.

Go to my fees

My Projects

Filter 1 Clear All Map

There are no projects to display here.

On the next page, select the “[Use Permits](#)” application tab located in the right-hand column pictured below.

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Choose from the list below to report an issue or complaint. Use the search box to filter the list. Clear your search to see the full list once again.

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Licenses, Permits, Planning, and Zoning

Apply for or renew a license, permit, Planning, or Zoning application. Use the search box to filter the list. Clear your search to see the full list once again.

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A drop down menu will open, and you will then select the [“Home Occupation Permit”](#) link.

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<p>Gaming Permit</p> <p><u>Home Occupation Permit</u></p> <p>Land Use / Temp Outdoor Activity Permit</p>	

This will bring you to the Home Occupation application. Please fill out all of the required fields and make sure in the **“Work Type”** field you select the [Home Occupation Type](#) work type.

Instructions

Please use the following link to review the Zoning code requirements for submitting a home occupation application.

<https://frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1126/Home-Occupation-Information-Sheet-2015?bidId=>

In addition to completing the submittal questions below, please upload the following documents:

- An aerial view demonstrating the structure the home occupation will be located within
- A scaled, labeled, dimensioned floor plan showing which room(s) will be used for the home occupation. This floor plan should include each floor of the entire structure in which the home occupation will be located. Each room should be clearly labeled to show its intended use and marked to indicate if it will be used as part of the home occupation or not used.
- A signed affidavit that states what rooms are to be used for the home occupation and what rooms will not be used for the home occupation and provide a total square footage.

 Print Instructions

Fill in the record information. Fields with * are Required

What kind of record are you submitting?

Home Occupancy Permit

Title * 

Work Type * 

Select

Select

Home Animal

Home Daycare

Home Gunsmith

Home Office

Home Pet Services

Home Salon

Occupancy Type * 

Select

This field indicates your responsibility for this request:

Applicant Type *

Select

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