

# Home Occupations

## *Allowable Businesses in a Home*

The City of Newton encourages entrepreneurship among its citizens. Residents are free to pursue businesses operated from within their homes, as long as the businesses do not create incompatible situations within neighborhoods. Therefore, a "Home Occupation" is allowed in any dwelling unit (except in the Multi-Family Dwelling R-4 Zoning District), subject to certain conditions. It is defined as follows:

**Home Occupation:** Any gainful occupation or profession engaged in by an occupant of a dwelling unit as a use which is clearly incidental to the use of the dwelling unit for residential purposes, and is carried on in accordance with the following conditions and limitations:

- Such occupation shall be carried on wholly within the principal building or a building accessory thereto, and only by members of the family occupying the premises. There shall be no outside employees.
- No exterior storage of materials.
- No other exterior indication of such occupation or variation from the residential character of the principal building.
- No offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat, or glare shall be produced.
- Customer visits shall be limited by appointment to a maximum of two per hour.
- Pickup or delivery of materials or products requiring the use of a vehicle other than a passenger vehicle shall be limited to one per week.
- There shall be no exterior display of products and no exterior sign except as allowed by the sign regulations. A single wall or yard sign not exceeding three square feet is allowed to identify the home occupation. A yard sign is limited to a maximum six feet in height with a minimum of 10 feet setback from any property line. A sign permit is required and can be applied for from the Planning Division, located at 1700 North 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.
- Any sign or advertisement of a home occupation must include the phrase "By Appointment Only".

Please contact the Planning Division at 792-6622 if you have any questions or you need further assistance.