

## Home Based Businesses

**Excerpt from Zoning Bylaw 1992, No. 2050** (CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE - March 2022) - In case of discrepancy, the original Bylaw or Amending Bylaws must be consulted.

**"Home Occupation"** means any occupation or profession carried on by a resident of a Parcel on that Parcel, the nature of which is clearly incidental to the Use of the Dwelling Unit for residential purposes.

### 13. HOME OCCUPATIONS

A Home Occupation is permitted provided:

- 1) There is only one Home Occupation that typically involves the presence of more than one (1) customer or client on the premises at any one time permitted in a Dwelling Unit, subject however to a maximum of two (2) Home Occupations per Dwelling Unit, irrespective of clientele.
- 2) the Home Occupation, including any accessory storage of goods or materials, shall be operated and contained completely within the Dwelling Unit or Accessory Buildings.
- 3) the Home Occupation shall not occupy more than 15% of the Gross Floor Area of the Dwelling Unit, and in any event shall not exceed 46 square metres.
- 4) there is no evidence of the Home Occupation Use, including no exterior storage or operation of the Home Occupation, except a sign identifying the Home Occupation which shall comply with the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt Sign Bylaw.
- 5) the Home Occupation Use is conducted only by a resident of the Dwelling Unit.
- 6) no person other than a member of the immediate Family occupying the Dwelling Unit is employed by the operator of the Home Occupation Use within the Dwelling Unit.
- 7) no discharge or emission of odorous, toxic, or noxious matter or vapours, heat, glare, noise, electrical interference, radiation or recurring ground vibration occurs.
- 8) the Home Occupation does not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic or parking in excess of that which is characteristic of the neighbourhood within which it is located.
- 9) no automobile, vehicle, boat, bicycle, machinery, heavy equipment, or major appliance servicing or repair is permitted.
- 10) the Home Occupation shall comply with all other applicable bylaws, including but not limited to Business Licence, Noise, Parking and Streets and Traffic.
- 11) no Body Painting Establishment, Body Rub Parlour, Dating Service and/or Escort Service is permitted.
- 12) any Home Occupation that typically involves the presence of more than one (1) customer or client on the premises at any one time is not permitted within a Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit or a Secondary Suite.