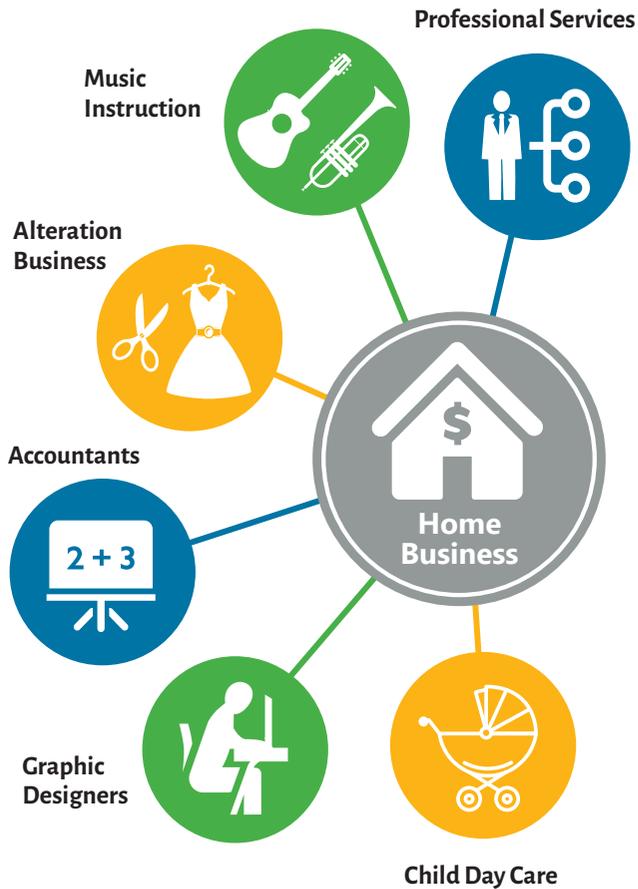


There are various reasons why home based business ventures are not in a commercial space, and a home occupation is the best solution. However, the primary purpose of the home must remain as a residence. The business must be operated by a resident of the dwelling, and will always be secondary to home occupation.

## Examples of home based businesses



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[www.peoriagov.org/codes-and-ordinances](http://www.peoriagov.org/codes-and-ordinances)

### City of Peoria Accounts Receivable Department

<http://www.peoriagov.org/finance-department/accounts-receivable/>

**Additional Information:** (309) 494-8588

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Illinois Licensing Department

<http://www.idfpr.com/DPR.asp>

**All Inquiries:** 1-888-473-4858

**Professional Licensing:** 1-800-560-6420

### Illinois Department of Revenue

<http://www.revenue.state.il.us/Businesses/>

**Business Hot Line:** (217) 524-4772

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# GUIDE TO HOME OCCUPATIONS



### Community Development Department

419 Fulton Street, Room 300  
Peoria, IL 61602  
Phone: (309) 494-8600



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# The City of Peoria wants to support people who work from their home. However, we also want to make sure that home based occupations do not negatively impact neighbors or residential areas.

A home-based business (or home occupation) is a small-scale occupation, service, profession or enterprise that operates out of a dwelling unit in a residential neighborhood with little or no effect on the surrounding neighborhood.

Home occupation regulations allow residents to own businesses or work from home while ensuring that there is **no detriment to property character, livability and value of the surrounding homes and subdivision.**



- ◆ If a garage is used, all offstreet parking requirements must be met

- ◆ Auto and engine related occupations are not allowed

- ◆ Construction and landscaping businesses may not store goods and materials, supplies or equipment on a residential lot



- ◆ The business may not interfere with delivery of utilities or other services

- ◆ The activity may not generate any noise, vibrations, smoke, dust, odors, heat, glare or interfere with radio/television transmissions



- ◆ No toxic, explosive, flammable, radioactive or other hazardous materials shall be used, sold or stored on site

- ◆ No separate or exclusive business entrances or placement of a sign

- ◆ Home Occupation vehicles must adhere to all applicable residential parking requirements

- ◆ Only one vehicle may be used in connection with home occupation use, and must be private passenger transportation not exceeding a payload capacity of one ton



- ◆ No business visitors between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

- ◆ Goods, materials, supplies or equipment may not be stored outdoors

- ◆ No signage is allowed



- ◆ Direct sales or rentals off racks are not permitted

- ◆ No employees on site that are not actual residents of the residence

- ◆ The total area used may not exceed more than 250 sq feet of the dwelling unit or garage



- ◆ Deliveries of supplies may not be made by a vehicle exceeding a gross weight in pounds for the vehicle and maximum load of 20,000 pounds



- ◆ Deliveries may not restrict traffic and must occur between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

- ◆ Visitors to the business will be limited to no more than eight during a 24-hour period, with no more than four at a time



- ◆ No more than one home occupation is permitted per property

- ◆ A permit is not required so long as the general requirements and standards are met

- ◆ Persons operating a business from their home should consult with their homeowner's and other applicable associations and review their deed for any possible restrictions



## Compliance

- ◆ The business must be compatible with the residential district in which it is located



## General Standards

- ◆ The business owners must reside in the dwelling
- ◆ All work must be performed inside the dwelling or garage

