



# Town of Mint Hill Home Occupation Permit Application

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## 6.9.1 Customary Home Occupations.

A. Customary home occupations may be established in any principal dwelling unit or accessory structure (such as a garage) as allowed by North Carolina State Building Code. Customary home occupations shall be incidental to a residential unit and shall not be considered a substitute to traditional retail establishments that rely on a substantial amount of walk-in traffic. Customary home occupation requirements shown herein shall apply in addition to all other applicable requirements of this Ordinance for the district in which such principal dwelling unit is located.

B. The home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the residential use of the dwelling and shall not change the exterior residential character of the dwelling.

C. Use of the dwelling for the home occupation shall be limited to twenty-five (25) percent of the gross heated floor area of the principal structure.

D. The operator of the customary home occupation must reside on the same lot as where the customary home occupation takes place. Residents of the dwelling plus a maximum of one nonresident may be engaged in the customary home occupation or otherwise report to work at the dwelling.

E. No products, goods, materials, or equipment associated with the customary home occupation shall be visible from any adjoining street or properties. All such products, goods, materials or equipment shall be stored within the residential dwelling unit or garage or other accessory structure. On-premise sales of products are limited to those made or reconditioned on the premises and those that are necessary to the service being provided.

F. No external alterations inconsistent with the residential use of the dwelling shall be permitted and outside display of goods for sale or rent is prohibited.

G. Only vehicles used primarily as passenger vehicles (i.e., passenger automobiles, passenger vans and passenger pickup trucks) shall be permitted in connection with the conduct of the customary home occupation. No more than two (2) vehicles shall be used in conjunction with the customary home occupation. Parking in association with the customary home occupation shall only take place in the driveway or garage. The home occupation shall not generate traffic in a greater volume or consisting of larger vehicles than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.

H. Chemical, mechanical or electrical equipment or any other activity associated with the customary home occupation that creates odors, light emission, noises or interference in radio or television reception detectable outside the dwelling shall be prohibited.

I. Hours of operation shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. only.

J. Private instruction in the school of the arts of music, dance and similar subjects shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) students at a time (including the number of persons waiting on the property to receive such instruction).

K. The Administrator shall have the authority to allow a customary home occupation that is not listed above, provided the Administrator determines that the use will be harmonious with all existing and potential nearby residential uses and meets all of the performance criteria associated with customary home occupations listed herein.

L. The application process for a Customary Home Occupation Permit is located in Section 8.7.2.

M. The Applicant shall, at all times, be and remain responsible to obtain whatever additional permits or licenses may be required by Mecklenburg County or the State of North Carolina (for example, the Mecklenburg County Department of Health inspects kitchen facilities and requires a separate permit for food preparation). Any permit issued hereunder by the Town satisfies only the zoning requirement and shall not be deemed an approval, permit or license fulfilling any other legal requirements that any customary home occupation may require under law.

Occupant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the nature of the business (intended use or purpose): \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Customary Home Occupation regulations and agree to abide by them. **\*\*The Town of Mint Hill reserves the right to revoke the permit at any time if any of the Customary Home Occupation regulations are violated.\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Authorized Agent