

**Home Occupation Rules – Town of Altavista**  
*§86-454 of the Altavista Code of Ordinances*

- a) The following regulations shall apply to all home occupations:
- 1) No person other than family members residing on the premises and one non-family member shall be engaged in such occupation.
  - 2) The home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the dwelling as a residence. Not more than 25 percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling shall be used in conjunction with the home occupation or combination of home occupations.
  - 3) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the dwelling or structure and surrounding property. No display of goods or business-related items of any kind shall be visible from the street or from adjoining property. The use of colors, materials, construction, lighting, or other means inconsistent with a residential use shall be prohibited.
  - 4) Home occupations shall be confined to the primary dwelling. However, a home occupation may be conducted in an on-site accessory structure, such as a garage, only with the issuance of a special use permit by the town council. No automotive or other vehicle repair shall be permitted as a home occupation.
  - 5) There shall be no outside display, specifically including signs, or storage of equipment or materials associated with the home occupation. No more than one vehicle with the business name on it may be parked so as to be visible from the street or from adjoining property and no vehicle which is to be parked so as to be visible from the street or from adjoining property may contain signage in excess of ten square feet for the entire vehicle.
  - 6) No traffic shall be generated by a home occupation or combination of home occupations in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
  - 7) No installation or use of mechanical or electrical equipment is permitted which could endanger surrounding persons or property or which can be heard outside of the dwelling unit. No toxic, explosive, flammable, radioactive, or other hazardous materials used in conjunction with the home occupation shall be used, sold, or stored on the site. The sale of firearms as a home occupation shall be prohibited.
  - 8) No on-site use, parking or storage of vans with a length in excess of 20 feet, tractor trailers, or heavy equipment, such as construction equipment, used in connection with the home occupation is permitted.
  - 9) No home occupation shall produce noise, obnoxious odors, vibrations, glare, fumes, or electric interferences detectable to normal sensory perception beyond the property line; nor shall such home occupation produce electric emissions or signals which interfere with normal radio and television reception in the surrounding neighborhood.
  - 10) A home occupation shall comply with all applicable local, state or federal regulations.
  - 11) Parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be on-premises, off-street and in designated driveway areas.
  - 12) Other than standard delivery services, such as UPS and FedEx, the home occupation shall not involve the commercial delivery of materials or products to or from the premises.

- 13) No illegal discharges of any materials, fluids or gases will be permitted to enter the sewer system or storm-drain system.
- 14) There shall be no sale of goods or products not produced on the premises, except that the sale of products in connection with a service which service is the principal business being conducted on the premises shall be permitted; and except that orders previously made by telephone or at a sales party may be filled on the premises.
- 15) No activity in conjunction with a home occupation shall adversely impact any neighboring property owners.

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Any violation of the provisions of the Town of Altavista Home Occupation section shall be deemed an infraction and shall be punishable by a civil penalty of \$50.00 for the initial summons and \$100.00 for each additional summons. (§ 86-913(c)(1))

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the foregoing **HOME OCCUPATION** rules listed above and agree to abide by said rules in the conduct of my **HOME OCCUPATION**.

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Signature

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Property Address

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Date