



# HOME OCCUPATIONS

## Can I operate a business out of my home?

**MAYBE.** A **Zoning Permit** is required for a Home Occupation. A home business, or “home occupation,” can be permitted under the following circumstances: ① the occupation is carried out wholly within an enclosed building; ② not more than 25% of the floor area of the principal building shall be employed in the home occupation; ③ all advertising displays shall not exceed 1-1/2 square feet of area; ④ home occupations cannot create nuisances, noise, glare, or odor and shall not have more than five appointments per hour; ⑤ the business must be conducted by at least one member of the family residing on the premises.

**Zoning Permit** applications are reviewed by the **Stonington Department of Planning, Office of the Zoning Official.**

## NEW BUSINESS RESOURCES:

Stonington Town Clerk| 860.535.5060

Economic Development Commission| 860.535.5095

Fire Marshal| VARIES

Sanitarian| 860.535.5075

Connecticut Economic Resource Center

*Smart Start Service*| 1.800.392.2122

<http://www.cerc.com/>

Connecticut Licensing Information Center

<http://www.ct-clic.com/>

Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce| 860.572.9578

<http://www.mysticchamber.org/>

Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Chamber of  
Commerce| 401.596.7761 or 800.732.7636

<http://www.westerlychamber.org/>

**Home Occupation.** An occupation, not otherwise permitted in the district, which is clearly accessory and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling and conducted by at least one member of the family residing on the premises, and which conforms to the following: (a) the occupation shall be carried on wholly within an enclosed building; (b) not more than 25 percent of the floor area of the principal building shall be employed in such home occupation; (c) all advertising displays for the premises shall not exceed 1-1/2 square feet of area, (d) occupations entailing substantial patronage in excess of five appointments per hour, or which create nuisances, noise, glare, or odor shall not be “Home Occupations.” Home occupations may include, but need not be limited to: artistry, dressmaking, teaching, professional office, writing, lawyering, architecture, accounting, or consulting, but does not include businesses such as animal hospital, veterinarian, barber, beautician, auto repair, restaurant, tearoom, massage parlor, tavern or musician.

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