

HOME-BASED BUSINESS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, County of Brant Council approved a **temporary zoning by-law amendment to expand the allowances of home-based businesses in the County of Brant.**

What is a Home Business?

A **home business** is defined as a "small-scale commercial or institutional service or activity that results in a product or service being provided to customers and is operated within a dwelling, accessory residential building (detached garage or shed), or located outdoors on a residential property".

The **Temporary Home-Based Business Program and Pilot Project** will expand the allowances of home-based businesses in the County of Brant. This temporary By-Law amendment aligns with the County of Brant's [Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan](#) and [Strategic Plan](#) with the goal of diversifying the local economy and promoting resiliency within the business community.

Indirect Sales and Services:

Exchange of goods and services are coordinated away from the home, or are provided by telephone, mail, internet sales or similar where **purchased goods and services are not provided to customers on the property.**

Example: Mail-order clothing company

Direct Sales and Services:

Services and transactions are **provided to customers on, or within, proximity to the home.**

Example: Home-based hair salon

→ Requirements:

The structure needs to meet the size, scale and location requirements of the by-law. The business, including related activities and storage, cannot exceed 50 square metres of the home.

→ Patronage & Employees:

A home-based business is permitted one (1) employee, in addition to the proprietor of the business, provided that there is additional parking for the employee.

No more than two clients, customers, or students shall be provided services onsite at any one time.

→ Parking:

One (1) additional parking space for pick-up and drop-off services is required and provided in addition to those required by this by-law for other permitted uses on the lot.

→ Timeframe:

This By-Law amendment will expire on September 1, 2022, unless extended by the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant.

→ Being a Good Neighbour:

A home-based business should not create or become a public nuisance, particularly in regards to noise, odour, fumes, vibration, traffic, emissions or parking.

External advertising is prohibited except in accordance with the County of Brant Sign By-Law, as amended.


→ Change of Use:

If you are planning on starting a home-based business, there may be a requirement to apply for a change of use or apply for a building permit. It is recommended that you consult with the building division and any other applicable departments prior to establishing the home based business.

The County of Brant Economic Development team is happy to assist those who are looking to establish a home based business.

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