

SIGNAGE

HOME OCCUPATION A

Limited to one sign located in the building window up to a maximum of not more than 50% coverage of the surface area of the window or 0.74 m² (8 sq. ft.) in size, whichever is the lesser.

HOME OCCUPATION B

Limited to one of the following signs:

- Fascia sign
- Wall sign
- Shingle type projecting sign or window sign
- May not exceed 0.4m² (4 sq. ft.) in area or;
- Not cover more than 50% of the surface area of the window or 0.74 m² (8 sq. ft.) in size, whichever is the lesser
- Shall be approved by the Municipal Planning Commission.

FEE SCHEDULE

Permit	Fee
Development Permit - Home Occupation A	\$75
Development Permit - Home Occupation B	\$200
Business License	\$50

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Town of Picture Butte

Chief Administrative Officer

120—4th Street North

Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0

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Municipal Planning Commission

Meet every 4th Monday of the month as required. A special meeting can be requested for a fee.

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HOME OCCUPATIONS



**WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW**

WHAT IS A HOME OCCUPATION?

An occupation, trade, profession, or craft carried on by an occupant of a dwelling unit as a use secondary to the residential use of the lot, and which does not change the character thereof or have any exterior evidence of such secondary use.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOME OCCUPATION A & B?

HOME OCCUPATION A

- Use of phone and office only
- Use involves no outdoor storage
- No display of goods on the interior of residence
- No customer/client visits to the residence
- Use complies with the general standards
- If there is doubt, the application may be referred to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)

HOME OCCUPATION B

When the business does not meet the criteria for a Home Occupation A and may include:

- The use of an accessory building
- Outdoor storage and/or display of goods within the residence or accessory building
- One non-resident employee
- Customer visits

WHAT WILL I NEED TO APPLY?

- A completed development permit application form with a description of the business.
- Development permit application fee (non-refundable) Range from \$75 - \$200. Payment taken when application complete.
- A completed business license application.
- Business license fee of \$50 annually. If purchased after September 30th, the fee will be charged at half the annual rate.

GENERAL STANDARDS FOR HOME OCCUPATIONS A & B

- The business operator must be a full-time resident of the home.
- No variation in the residential character and appearance of the dwelling, accessory buildings, or land shall be permitted.
- The use shall not generate more vehicular or pedestrian traffic and vehicular parking than normal within the district.
- No commercial vehicles of an overall length that exceeds 6.7 m (22 ft.) or tandem trucks shall be parked or maintained on a public road right-of-way or lane.
- No offensive noise, vibration, electrical interference, smoke, dust, odors, heat, or glare shall be produced by the use.
- No use shall cause an increase in the demand placed on any one or more

utilities (water, sewer, garbage, etc.) such that the combined total consumption for a dwelling exceeds the normal demand.

- No use requiring electrical or mechanical equipment shall cause a fire rating change in the structure or the district in which the home occupation is located.
- All permits issued for home occupations shall be subject to the condition that the permit may be revoked at any time, if, in the opinion of the MPC, the use is or has become detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood.
- Home occupations shall **not** include:
 - Activities that use or store hazardous materials
 - Any use that would, in the opinion of MPC, materially interfere with or affect the use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring properties
 - Any use declared by resolution of the council to be undesirable as a home occupation
- Only one home occupation shall be permitted per dwelling or as otherwise approved by the Development Authority.
- All permits issued for home occupations shall obtain a yearly business license from the town. The development permit is only valid as long as an issued and valid municipal business license has been approved.