

Prohibited Home Based Businesses

Without limiting the authority of the Development Officer to deny applications for other home based businesses which do not meet the requirements of this bylaw, the following uses are prohibited home based businesses:

- tattoo or body modification services;
- laundry services;
- veterinary services, boarding, grooming or care of animals;
- photographic or video studio involving adult or sexually oriented subject material;
- sharpening services, printing, screen printing, food packaging, upholstery, engraving and embroidery services, needing commercial or industrial equipment;
- hotels and hospitals;
- the painting, repairing, cleaning, selling or any activity relating to motor vehicles or machinery;
- industrial uses such as welding, metal works, salvaging, recycling, cabinet or furniture making;
- businesses utilizing large power tools and machinery or that require external venting, blowers and exhaust ports;
- any business utilizing radio transmission equipment;
- on-site sale of any products, goods or merchandise;
- restaurants, take-out food services, and drinking establishments;
- the sale, storage or service of firearms, fireworks, or ammunition;
- any use that creates noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odour, air pollution, heat, glare, bright light, hazardous waste, etc. beyond the boundaries of the business.

Note: This brochure is for reference only. Please refer to Section 5.29 of The City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw for full details of home based business development standards and Prohibited Home Based Businesses.



For more information contact:

Business License Program
Planning and Development Branch
222 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon SK S7K 0J5

Phone: (306) 975-7710 or (306) 975-2658

Fax: (306) 975-7712

Website: www.saskatoon.ca

Look under 'B' for Business License

Email: business.license@saskatoon.ca

Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This pamphlet has no legal status and cannot be used as an official interpretation of the various codes and regulations currently in effect. Users are advised to contact the Planning and Development Branch for assistance, as the City of Saskatoon accepts no responsibility to persons relying solely on this information.



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Procedures & Requirements for

Home Based Business License



Home Based Business License

The City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw allows occupants to conduct business from their homes. The standards for home based businesses are intended to seek a balance between supporting a quiet, safe, and aesthetic residential environment while supporting the aspirations of home based entrepreneurs. Home based businesses are a positive alternative for the business community that reflects the City of Saskatoon's sustainable growth policies, supporting a sustainable live-work environment for current and future generations of the city of Saskatoon.

The proportion of home based businesses has grown steadily over the past five years, and now accounts for over 35% of the total number of licensed businesses in the city. Home based businesses are permitted in all Residential and Institutional Service Districts. However, business activities which do not meet home based development standards must locate in commercial or industrial areas.

Development Standards

The following regulations apply to all home based businesses:

- No more than **one (1)** non-resident person shall be employed in relation to the home based business;
- Business shall be conducted entirely indoors and include no more than 20% of the gross area of the dwelling, including the area of the basement and the garage. Up to a maximum of 40m² (430.6ft²), may be occupied by home based businesses;
- There shall be no outside storage on the site in relation to the home based business;
- No more than a total of eight (8) client or business related visits per day (to a maximum of 40 per week) shall be made to a home based business;
- Signs advertising or identifying the home based business are **NOT** permitted on the property;
- No more than one business related vehicle may be stored on or in the vicinity of the site, the gross vehicle weight must not exceed 8000 kg with a total length of no more than 6.0m (20ft);
- Deliveries of merchandise, goods or equipment to the home based business cannot be delivered by a vehicle with a gross weight exceeding 8000 kg and a total length of 6.0m (20ft). Deliveries must not cause a nuisance to other residents of the neighbourhood;
- A maximum of 2.0 cubic metres of storage may be permitted within a dwelling and a maximum of 4.0 cubic metres of storage may be permitted within the garage, shed or other accessory building;
- An approved home based business may serve as the administrative headquarters for up to two partners provided each administrative office or business location obtains a separate business license;
- One paved off-street parking space must be available for a non-resident employee;
- A garage or accessory building may be occupied by a home based business provided the total area of the home based business does not exceed 40m² (430.6ft²) on the site.



We're here to help...

Business License Program offices are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

Monday through Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

Please feel free to stop in or call us at (306) 975-7710 or (306) 975-2658.

You can also email us at business.license@saskatoon.ca.

Important References

The Business License Program has developed a variety of publications that provide helpful information to start and grow your home based business. These are available for pickup at:

Business License Program
Planning & Development Branch
3rd Floor, City Hall
222-3rd Avenue N
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Website: www.saskatoon.ca
(look under "B" for Business License).

Business Start-Up Guide

The Business Start-Up Guide is a convenient resource for starting your business. The Guide provides information pertaining to a variety of home based businesses, along with a companion Business Start-Up Checklist.

Saskatoon Business Directory

The City of Saskatoon is developing an online business directory. The Saskatoon Business Directory will provide information about Commercial and Home Based Business to users.

BizPaL (www.bizpal.ca)

BizPaL is an innovative online project designed to help Canadian businesses save time when accessing licensing and permit information from multiple levels of government. Simply answer a series of questions on the type of businesses you want to start. BizPaL will automatically generate a list of all required permits and licenses from the three levels of government along with other basic information.

The Business License Bylaw (Bylaw No. 8075)

The Business License Bylaw No. 8075 contains information regarding special types of businesses and lists all regulations and development standards for commercial and home based businesses.

Business License Fees (subject to change)

New Business	\$95.00
Annual Renewal	\$70.00
Change of Location	\$95.00
Change of Ownership/Name	no charge