

City of St. Helens

265 Strand Street
St. Helens, Oregon
97051

Do you need a Home Occupation permit for your business?

A “home occupation” is a business venture conducted from your home. In some cases a Home Occupation permit from the City of St. Helens Planning Department is required for the home business.

Is your business located outside of the City of St. Helens city limits?

- ☐ Yes – STOP you don’t need it. ☐ No – Keep going.

Is your business a garage sale?

- ☐ Yes – STOP you don’t need it. ☐ No – Keep going.

Is your business for-profit production of produce or other food products grown on the premises?

- ☐ Yes – STOP you don’t need it.* ☐ No – Keep going.

*You should talk to someone in the Planning Department to be sure.

Is your activity a hobby that you don’t charge for or otherwise receive income?

- ☐ Yes – STOP you don’t need it. ☐ No – Keep going.

And, can you answer NO to ALL of the following:

Does your business exhibit any evidence that it is taking place at your home? ☐-Y ☐-N

Do you have any outside volunteers or employees who are not principle residents? ☐-Y ☐-N

Do you have any exterior signage for the business, except for signs on vehicles? ☐-Y ☐-N

Will your business have any clients or customers visit the home? ☐-Y ☐-N

Does your business include or require any outdoor storage of materials? ☐-Y ☐-N

Will the business area exceed 600 square feet of an accessory structure (e.g., detached shed) or more than 25% of the combined residence and accessory structure gross floor area? ☐-Y ☐-N

If so, you don’t need a Home Occupation permit. Otherwise, please talk to someone in the Planning Department about obtaining this permit.