

**Okeechobee County
Community Development Department**

**Business Tax Receipt
Affidavit of Compliance Regarding Home Businesses**

I am applying for a business tax receipt for a home business. I hereby state the following to be true:

1. The address for the home business is _____
2. I am the (_____ owner) (_____ tenant) of the property.
3. The name of the business is _____
The type of business to be conducted is _____
4. Activities conducted on premises include _____

5. Activities conducted off premises include _____

6. I have reviewed and understand Section 2.05.02 of the County Land Development Regulations (Okeechobee County Code of Ordinances, Part II) as set forth on the second page of this affidavit and acknowledge that this home business tax receipt is authorized based on those restrictions.

I do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and am aware of my responsibilities and liabilities for the use and business on the above described property. I do hereby covenant and agree to abide by each of the aforesaid stipulations. I further understand that any falsification of the above statements constitutes fraud and may result in revocation of this license.

Affiant (signature)

Affiant (print)

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____. Personally known to me ____ OR produced _____ as identification and did not take an oath.

Notary Public - State of Florida

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HOME BUSINESSES

Okeechobee County Code of Ordinances, Part II, Section 2.05.02

A home business (occupation) may be allowed in a bona fide dwelling unit, subject to the following:

- (A) No person other than members of the family residing on the premises shall be engaged in such occupation.
- (B) The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants, and shall under no circumstances change the residential character of the structure.
- (C) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation, other than one sign not exceeding on square foot in area, non-illuminated, mounted flat against the wall of the principal building at a position not more than two (2) feet from the main entrance of the residence.
- (D) No home occupation shall occupy more than twenty (20) percent of the first floor area of the residence. No accessory building, freestanding or attached, shall be used for a home occupation.
- (E) No traffic shall be generated by such occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met off the street and other than in a front yard required pursuant to this Code.
- (F) No equipment, tools, or process shall be used in such a home occupation which creates interference to neighboring properties due to noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio, telephone, or television receivers off the premises or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.
- (G) Fabrication of articles commonly classified under the terms arts and handicrafts may be deemed a home occupation, subject to the other terms and conditions of this definition, and providing no retail sales are made at the home.
- (H) Outdoor storage of materials shall not be permitted.
- (I) The following shall not be considered home occupations: beauty shops, barbershops, group band instrument or dance instructors, studio for group instruction, public dining facility or tea room, antique or gift shops, photographic studio, fortune telling or similar activity, outdoor repair, food processing, retail sales, nursery school, or kindergarten.
- (J) The giving of individual instruction to one person at a time such as an art or piano or music teacher, shall be deemed a home occupation; individual instruction as a home occupation for those activities listed in Paragraph I above shall be prohibited.
- (K) A home occupation shall be subject to all applicable County occupational licensing requirements, fees, and other business taxes.