Home Based Businesses and Occupations.

Home based businesses are quickly becoming the fastest growing form of new business.

Growing your company out of your home allows for flexibility that is difficult when renting or buying office and warehouse space. Although working at home requires self discipline, the benefits can be substantial particularly in the start-up years.

Working from your home can save you on commute time.

One of the main benefits of working from your home is that it leaves more time for revenue-producing activities. Working from home can also provide the business with flexible office space.

When you rent or own office space, the size of your business is fixed to the size of the space. In the event where downsizing makes sense, you may not be able to do so quickly, if you are committed to a long term lease.

The tax benefits of operating a home office can be lucrative. Working from home enables you to claim a variety of expenses as income tax deductions. If your situation qualifies, you can deduct a portion of your home’s expenses against your business income.

A portion of your property may be reclassified for commercial property taxes. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation will assess and clarify the classification for your property taxes. This classification is based on the use of the property and not the specific zoning of the property.

For additional information please contact the City of Kingston Tax Department at 1-613-546-4291 extension number 2015.

Regulations for a Home Based Business.

All Municipal regulations must be taken into consideration.

Zoning by laws for home based businesses and occupations are managed by the Planning Department. Specific zoning regulations must be adhered to. A few examples of this would include: the number of employees in the home based business and the type of products and materials that are to be located on the premises that are associated with the business.

For additional information pertaining to external and environmental issues, please contact the City of Kingston Planning Department at 1-613-546-4291 extension number 3180.

Parking Provisions for Home Based Business.

The City of Kingston zoning by law does not provide for additional parking. The bylaw defines that not more than one vehicle per dwelling is a commercial vehicle. A commercial vehicle must not exceed two tones and must be related to the business.

Home Based Business Signs

The City by law is different for each of the three city location categories. First, the area known as the City Central, is Pittsburgh Township and Kingston township prior to amalgamation.

Secondly, the City East location is the area formerly known as Pittsburgh Township.

Thirdly, the City West area is the area formerly known as Kingston Township.

For additional information pertaining to Home Based Business signs, please contact the City of Kingston Building Department at 1-613-546-4291 extension number 3280.