

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF ST. CROIX
CITY OF NEW RICHMOND**

ORDINANCE NO. 624

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 121 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE
CITY OF NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN**

Upon review, recommendation, and consideration by the City of New Richmond Common Council, the Common Council does ordain that Chapter 121 New Richmond Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

§ 121-15 Definitions

Home occupation. A business conducted as a secondary use within a residential dwelling or permitted accessory structure, which is discreet in nature and does not alter the residential character of the surrounding area. Examples of typical home occupations include, but are not limited to, the following: accountant, attorney, barber, beautician, caterer, computer programmer, counselor, groomer, photographer, seamstress, tax preparer, tutor, and woodworker.

Major home occupation. A home occupation with up to five nonresident employees and generally conducted within a larger physical space than a minor home occupation.

Minor home occupation. A home occupation with up to one nonresident employee and generally conducted within a smaller physical space than a major home occupation.

§ 121-36 General District Standards

Table 3. SPECIFIC FUNCTION AND USE

	Z1 Agriculture/ Preservation	Z2 Sub- Urban	Z3 Multi- Use/Corridor	Z4 General Urban	Z5 Traditional Neighborhood	Z6 Central Business	Z7-A Special Use District	Z7 Special Use District
Major Home Occupation	HOP	HOP	HOP	HOP	HOP	HOP		
Minor Home Occupation	A	A	A	A	A	A		

Key

A = Allowed

HOP = Home Occupation Permit

§ 121-57 Home Occupation

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to allow the limited use of principal dwelling units and permitted accessory structures for home occupation purposes, subject to specified conditions. These provisions aim to support small-scale business activity while protecting the character and

integrity of surrounding residential areas from potential adverse impacts. For specific allowances related to home occupations, refer to Section 121-36, Table 3.

1. **General Standards.** The following standards apply to all home occupations:
 - a) The home occupation shall be conducted entirely within the principal dwelling unit or permitted accessory structure.
 - b) The person primarily in charge of the home occupation shall reside at the property where the home occupation occurs.
 - c) The home occupation shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of a dwelling or accessory structure, and the appearance of the structure shall not be altered.
 - d) There shall be no exterior storage of materials, goods, supplies or equipment related to the operation of the home occupation. Vehicles shall be parked on a driveway or inside an enclosed structure.
 - e) The home occupation shall not produce smoke, odor, glare, noise, dust, vibration, fire hazards, or electrical interference. The stationary noise shall not exceed the limits set forth in Section 50-87(d) for residential zones. Additionally, the home occupation shall not create any condition that endangers public health or safety.
 - f) Customers, clients, and deliveries shall only enter the premises between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., without exception.
 - g) The home occupation shall provide sufficient off-street parking to accommodate the additional parking demands it generates; one off-street parking space shall be provided per full-time equivalent employee.
 - h) One unlit sign per home occupation shall be allowed, not to exceed 4 sq. ft in area. The sign shall be affixed to the residence or the accessory structure.
 - i) Home occupations shall not discharge any materials, fluids, or gases into the wastewater sewer system, on-site wastewater treatment systems, or storm sewers in violation of applicable City codes.
 - j) Under no circumstances shall any business involving vehicle repair or body work, or explosives or fireworks, qualify as a home occupation.
 - k) Home occupations shall not be permitted in residential areas where legally enforceable restrictive covenants prohibit commercial activities.
 - l) The home occupation shall comply with all other applicable codes.

Minor Home Occupations. A home occupation is classified as a minor home occupation if it meets the criteria below. Minor home occupations are an allowed use within the City of New Richmond.

1. **Location of Home Occupation:**
 - (a) The home occupation may be conducted within the principal dwelling, provided it does not occupy more than 30% of the total floor area of the dwelling.
 - (b) The home occupation may also be conducted within a permitted accessory structure, provided it does not occupy more than 50% of the total floor area of the structure, and the structure does not exceed 500 square feet.
2. **Employee Limitations:** The home occupation shall be limited to resident family members and no more than one nonresident employee.

Major Home Occupations. A home occupation is classified as a major home occupation if it meets the criteria outlined below. Major home occupations are approved by City staff through the issuance of a Home Occupation Permit.

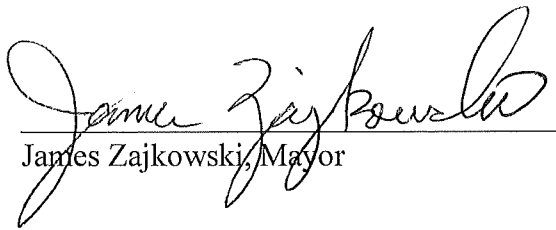
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2. **Employee Limitations:** The home occupation shall be limited to resident family members and no more than five nonresident employees.
3. **Screening Requirements:** The home occupation may require additional screening from public view in accordance with the screening standards outlined in Section 121-55.10(1).
4. **Permit Expiration:** The Home Occupation Permit shall become void upon the sale or transfer of the property, or if the home occupation fails to adhere to the requirements set forth in this ordinance.
5. **Inspections:** Major home occupations may be subject to inspections, conducted by appointment, to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations set forth in this ordinance.

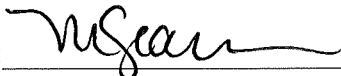
The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

I, Michelle Scanlan, Clerk of the City of New Richmond, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of an Ordinance introduced at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of New Richmond on May 12, 2025 adopted by more than two-thirds vote, and recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

Passed and approved: May 12, 2025

Published and effective: May 12, 2025


James Zajkowski, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Michelle Scanlan, City Clerk