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### Contact Code Enforcement

For Information:

Call: 916-874-6444

E-mail: [saccode@saccounty.gov](mailto:saccode@saccounty.gov)

Or Visit:

<https://code-enforcement.saccounty.gov>

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### To Report a Concern Regarding a Possible Violation of Local Codes:

Call: 311 or 916-875-4311

Or Visit:

<https://311.saccounty.gov>

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County of Sacramento  
Code Enforcement Division  
9700 Goethe Rd. Ste. A  
Sacramento, CA 95827



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### Home Based Businesses

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### Code Enforcement Mission:

To promote and maintain a high quality of life where people live and work.

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Postage

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## Are Home Businesses Allowed?

Maybe! Certain home-based businesses are allowed with a business license. Others are allowed with a business license and if certain conditions are met. Some businesses are strictly prohibited.

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## Guidelines of Home Based Businesses

1. Only occupants of the home may be engaged in the home business.
2. Off-site employees may not report for work at the residence.
3. The use of the home as a business shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use as a residence.
4. No mechanical equipment or operation shall be used which creates or makes dust, odor, vibration or other effects detectable at the property line.
5. No products shall be sold on the premises except artist's originals.
6. The products produced shall not be displayed on the property in such a manner to be visible outside of the residence.
7. Materials shall not be stored out-of-doors.
8. The home may not be remodeled to change the external appearance into a commercial appearing structure.
9. Visitors & customers shall not exceed one person per hour and eight per day. Deliveries shall not exceed one per week.

*(See section 3.9.3.F. of the Zoning Code)*

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## What Businesses Are Prohibited?

The following uses are expressly prohibited as home occupations:

- Ambulance Service
- Ammunition Reloading
- Boarding House, Bed & Breakfast Hotel, Time Share Condominium
- Body Art Services, including but not limited to: body piercing, tattooing, branding, or application of permanent cosmetics
- Carpentry, Cabinet Makers
- Ceramics w/ a Kiln of 6ft<sup>3</sup> or Greater
- Place of Worship, Churches, Religious Instruction (private bible study allowed)
- Health Salon, Gym, Dance Studio, Aerobic Exercise Studio
- Medical, Dental, Chiropractic, or Veterinary Clinic
- Mortician, Hearse Service
- Palm Reading, Fortune Telling
- Private Clubs
- Repair, or reconditioning, of boats or recreation vehicles
- Restaurants or Taverns
- Retails Sale from Site
- Storage, Repair or Reconditioning of Major household Appliances
- Storage, Repair, or Reconditioning of Motorized Vehicles or Large Equipment
- Tow Truck Service
- Veterinary Uses, including boarding, but excludes "mobile veterinarian"
- Welding Services, excluding welding service office

*(See section 3.9.3.F.6 of the Zoning Code)*

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## Are There Any Other Restrictions?



Yes. Keep in mind, all businesses require a business license and must adhere to specific guidelines intended to reduce the impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood. For example, your home cannot be remodeled or constructed to appear like a commercial structure and "the use of the dwelling for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes." Certain businesses have specific limitations and restrictions.

*(See section 3.9.3.F of the Zoning Code)*

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## Code Enforcement's Goal

Code Enforcement's goal is to prevent the physical and aesthetic deterioration of our community. By enforcing the County codes, we can help you clean up your neighborhoods and maintain a healthy and safe environment.

Together, we can help reduce crime and poverty, protect the health and well-being of our residents, and help maintain property values. When you purchased your home, business, or property, you made an investment in not only in the property itself, but you also invested in the community.

As a property owner, you can positively impact your property and community by adhering to the County codes, keeping your property tidy, and reporting those who do not; thus, preserving and enhancing your community for future generations.

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## How You Can Help?

- **Keep automobile repair limited to personal, minor repair.**
- **Keep both developed and undeveloped property free of trash, debris, and excessive foliage.**
- **Fence or board properties which might attract trespassers or vandals.**
- **Keep grounds and structures clean and tidy.**
- **Park in designated parking.**
- **Learn and adhere to local zoning and code regulations.**
- **Do not tolerate illicit activity.**
- **Cooperate in good faith should you receive a complaint.**
- **Report violations and nuisances.**

**This is Your Community! Let's work together to keep it clean and safe!**

**Report Your Concerns: Call 311**

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