

Be Informed

This brochure has been developed to explain some of St. Petersburg's housing and neighborhood standards. Our first priority is to help residents voluntarily comply with these standards. If you receive a violation notice, we recommend that you take positive action to resolve any violations. Also contact your Codes Investigator with any questions about violations and what must be done to correct them. The following additional brochures are available:



Persons who have questions regarding the appropriateness of a particular home occupation use are encouraged to call Development Review Services for more information. The telephone number is (727) 893-7471.

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- Certificate of Inspection Program
- Commercial Equipment Parking
- Emergency Fire Exits
- Illegal or Abandoned Dwelling Units
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- Legal Premises Agent for Out of Town Owners
- Maintenance of Buildings
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- Permits Required
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- Rodent and Insect Control
- Visibility Triangle Requirements
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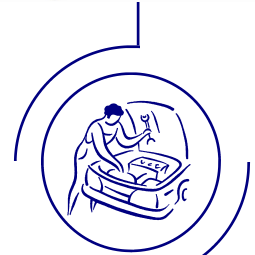


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Prohibited Business

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Most businesses are not allowed to operate within residential neighborhoods. However, the City Code does allow businesses known as home occupations to operate within residential neighborhoods provided certain rules are followed.

The purpose of these rules is to protect the residential character of neighborhoods. Businesses (other than home occupations) within neighborhoods have undesirable effects on the neighborhood. These include increased traffic and noise, more cars parked along streets, more people coming and going into the neighborhood, and long business hours which could disturb the area residents.

In the City Code, for each residential zoning district, there is a section which prohibits certain activities within the district. Also, uses which are determined by the Development Review Commission (DRC) to be potentially noxious, dangerous or offensive are prohibited.



Home Occupation

A home occupation is a business conducted within a dwelling unit in a residential district. There are specific rules governing these home occupations:

- Only one (1) employee that is not a resident of the dwelling unit is permitted to be at the premises.
- The use of the home for business must be secondary to its use as a residence.
- The outside appearance of the house cannot be changed due to the home occupation except for one attached wall sign, no larger than four square feet. The sign cannot be internally illuminated or display text, numerals, symbols, or logos exceeding 8 inches in height.
- Display of merchandise is prohibited.
- Areas used for home occupations must be contained within a fully enclosed principle or accessory building. No outdoor areas may be used for a home occupation.
- No retail or wholesale sales are allowed on the premises.
- Shipping, receiving, storage, processing, fabrication, manufacturing, and distribution are prohibited.
- No more than one (1) business vehicle may be parked at the home, regardless of the number of home occupations approved for the property. All vehicles shall comply with the restrictions for the parking of domestic and commercial equipment in the residential zoning districts.
- Sometimes a home occupation must be reviewed by Development Review Services to be sure it is allowed. An unfavorable staff interpretation can be appealed to the Community Preservation Commission (CPC).

For additional information, please consult the City Code or Development Review Services at 727-893-7471.