

HOME-BASED BUSINESS REGULATIONS

The Kamloops Home-Based Business Association (KHBBA) has identified a need for review of the existing Home-Business Guidelines within the City of Kamloops.

Specifically, concern centers around Section(s) 304(e) and 304(j) which state:

e) A home-based business, its employees and suppliers shall not use on-street parking. Motor vehicles using on-site parking shall include no more than one vehicle displaying the name of the home-based business.

j) The client or customer of a home-based business is not permitted to enter the dwelling unit or any accessory building to inspect or pick up goods or to receive any service.

Ongoing dialogue clearly reveals that home-based entrepreneurs are finding it difficult to operate their businesses within the current guidelines. These entrepreneurs would like to see a more workable, sustainable, balanced set of regulations for home-based businesses in our community.

The KHBBA has been helping home-based businesses throughout the Kamloops area since 1989, maintaining a commitment to taking an active role in supporting and strengthening this diverse and growing segment of our economy.

Statistical evidence shows that home-based businesses are a key part of economic development within the City of Kamloops. There are currently more than 1,600 licensed home-based businesses in Kamloops representing approximately 34 per cent of total business licences on file.

The KHBBA believes regulations can both protect and support neighbourhoods, and protect the viability of home-based businesses. The KHBBA appreciates that the City has always been respectful of its concerns and has expressed a willingness to discuss options for a process to review current regulations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City of Kamloops, in consultation with the Kamloops Home-Based Business Association, establish a task force to review current regulations with a view to enhancing the opportunities for home-based businesses in Kamloops while protecting neighbourhoods.

PRESENTED BY:

The Kamloops Home-Based Business Association