

Direct Seller's Licence

A "*DIRECT SELLER*" means an individual or firm which is licensed under The Direct Sellers Act and:

- a) goes from house to house selling or offering for sale or soliciting orders for the future delivery of, goods or services; or
- b) by telephone offers for sale or solicits orders for the future delivery of goods or services; or
- c) does both of the things mentioned in a) and b).

Transient Trader's Licence

A "*TRANSIENT TRADER*" means a business/person that carries on a business that:

- a) offers goods or merchandise for sale by retail or auction; or
- b) solicits any business/person that is not a wholesaler or retail dealer for orders for the future delivery of goods or merchandise;

but does not include:

- a) a business/person that is required to be licensed pursuant to The Direct Sellers Act

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NOTE

The issuing of a license does not exempt the licensee from compliance with any Bylaw, Statute or Regulation that may be applicable.

A business which is found to contravene any Bylaw, Statute or Regulation, may have its license revoked.

A license shall not be deemed an endorsement by the City of Swift Current of the licensee's business practices or ethics.



A Guideline to the
Zoning Bylaw Requirements and
Approval Process

To operate a business
in the
City of Swift Current



- **COMMERCIAL**
- **HOME BASED BUSINESS**
- **DIRECT SELLERS**
- **TRANSIENT TRADERS**

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Swift Current licenses all businesses providing goods or services in Swift Current. Licenses are issued in order to regulate businesses, ensure compliance with land use and building regulations, gather land use information, and facilitate planning decisions.

Any person operating a business, including a home occupation, must hold a valid business licence. This brochure is designed to familiarize prospective operators of either a Commercial use or a home occupation, with the City's Zoning Bylaw requirements and approval process.

Commercial Business Licence

A commercial business license is only valid for the location specified on the license and is non-transferable between locations. For multiple businesses operating within one location, separate licenses must be obtained.

All commercial business license applications are reviewed for compliance with land use regulations, as outlined in the City's Zoning Bylaw. Zoning regulations vary and can affect the type of business you are permitted to operate in some areas. Prior to applying for a Commercial Business Licence, a Development Permit Application is required to determine if the location is zoned for the type of business you are planning to establish.

Home Based Business Licence

A "Home Occupation" means an occupation, trade, profession or craft customarily conducted entirely within a residential building and carried on by the inhabitants thereof, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the residential use of the dwelling, and does not change the character thereof.

Home occupations shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling or accessory building.

There shall be no exterior display or storage of any merchandise or material relating to the home occupation.

Except for day care operations, no person other than a resident of the dwelling unit shall be engaged in any home occupation as an employee or a volunteer.

Parking:

- a) The home occupation shall not cause or add to on-street parking congestion or cause an increase in traffic through a residential district.
- b) Parking of vehicles of employees hired for off-site jobs shall not be allowed at or in the vicinity of the dwelling unit.
- c) No more than one business vehicle, for which off-street parking is provided, is allowed to be operated in connection with the home occupation.

No advertising display sign shall be allowed on the site or premise from which the home occupation is conducted, and no advertising that carries the address of the dwelling in which the home occupation is conducted shall be placed in any media.

No equipment or process used in the home occupation shall create dust, noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odour or air pollution that is detectable at or beyond the property lines of the lot where the home occupation is located.

Procedural requirements:

- a) No home occupation shall commence until application has been made to the Licence Inspector, and the Licence Inspector has issued a licence for the home occupation.
- b) A home occupation licence is valid only for the address shown on the licence.

