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HOME OCCUPATION GUIDELINES

Reference Title 10, Article 2, Section 217 of the Municipal Code

The zoning standards for home occupations are intended to insure the residential character of the neighborhood is not impacted, prevent intrusion on the rights of other residents, and clearly establish home occupations as secondary and incidental in relation to the residential use of the property. Below is a summary of guidelines. Please refer to the Municipal Code for more information and more detailed performance standards.

Essential Guidelines

- a. Primary use of the dwelling shall remain residential
- b. Home occupations shall be incidental and subordinate to the primary residential use of the dwelling

Allowed Use of Dwelling

- a. Business shall be conducted entirely within limits of dwelling unit and/or accessory building(s)
- b. No more than 30 percent of total square footage of the dwelling unit shall be used for non-residential purposes
- c. Only one home occupation may be operated in the residence
- d. A limited amounts of goods, commodities or stock shall be received or stored on the premises, and such goods shall not require the use of motor vehicles larger than vans or trucks of similar size
- e. Electrical and mechanical equipment use that would change the fire rating of the structure, create visible or audible radio/television interference, or cause exterior voltage fluctuation is prohibited
- f. Outdoor storage of materials used in the home occupation is prohibited

Allowed Alterations to Dwelling

- a. No change is allowed to the outside appearance of the building or premises except a sign/nameplate on the building not to exceed one square foot in area
- b. There may be no visible evidence of that a home occupation is conducted at the residence
- c. Interior alterations that render the dwelling undesirable for residential use are prohibited
- d. Exterior alterations or additions that change the residential appearance are prohibited
- e. An additional or separate exterior entrance constructed for the purpose of conducting the home occupation is prohibited

Allowed Employees

- a. Operator(s) shall make the dwelling unit which the home occupation is conducted his/her legal and primary place of residence
- b. Only individuals who reside in the same residence as the operator and/or ONE non-resident employee may participate in or assist with the conduct of a home occupation

Business Operations

- a. No more than four individual clients, service or delivery men may occupy the premises simultaneously, except for drop-off/pick-up periods not to exceed 15 minutes
- b. No permitted home occupation shall be allowed to offer goods for sale to the general public from the location of the home occupation except:
 - i. There may be a maximum of two private sales per calendar year, not to exceed four consecutive days each
 - ii. Notification of sale shall be by personally addressed, private invitation

Neighborhood Impact

- a. No permitted home occupation shall interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of adjacent residential properties
- b. There shall be no perceptible noise, odor, smoke, vibrations or electrical interference emitted
- c. Home occupations which require customer presence for more than 15 minutes shall provide off-street parking for all customers
- d. No vehicular traffic greater than normal in the adjacent residential area is permitted

NOTE: "Garage and yard sales" shall not be considered a home occupation