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Liberty County Zoning - Overview of Type A Home Occupation Zoning Ordinance

Applicant Name:

Applicant Address:

Current Zoning:

Business Name:

Business Location:

In Type A home occupations residents use their home as a place of work, home office or business telephone or mailing address. Employees or customers are prohibited from coming to the site, and there is no visible indication of commercial activity. By way of illustration only, examples include artists, crafts people, writers and consultants. Type A home occupations may be approved administratively by the zoning administrator or his designee.

General provisions and prohibited uses.

All home occupations shall meet the following:

1. A home occupation shall be incidental and accessory to the use of a dwelling as a residence. No more than twenty (20) percent of the floor space of the dwelling unit (including attached garages) may be used for the home occupation.
2. There shall be no exterior evidence of the home occupation or alteration of the residence and/or accessory buildings to accommodate the home occupation. Internal or external changes which will make the dwelling appear less residential in nature or function are prohibited. Examples of such prohibited alterations include construction of parking lots, paving of required setbacks, or adding commercial-like exterior lighting.
3. There shall be no outside operations or exterior storage of inventory, equipment, or materials to be used in conjunction with a home occupation.
4. Off-site employees of the resident shall not congregate on the premises for any purpose concerning the home occupation nor park their personal vehicles at the location.
5. No more than one (1) vehicle associated with the home occupation (no larger than a standard van or pick-up truck and with minimal commercial markings as approved by the zoning administrator) may be parked at the site. Such vehicle is limited to one-ton carrying capacity and must be used exclusively by the resident and parked on a valid improved surface constructed of materials common in conventional residential development (e.g. concrete, pavers, etc.) and which is otherwise compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

6. No use or activity may create an offensive noise, dust, glare, vibration, smoke, smell, electrical interference or any fire hazard, unsightly or unhealthful condition, or other nuisance or disturbance.
7. All home occupations shall be subject to periodic inspections by the department of planning and zoning.
8. Any type of repair or assembly of vehicles or equipment with internal combustion engines (such as autos, motorcycles, marine engines, lawn mowers, chain saws and other small engines) or of large appliances (such as washing machines, dryers, and refrigerators) or any other work related to automobiles and their parts is prohibited.
9. Accessory home occupations may not serve as headquarters or dispatch centers where employees come to the site and are dispatched to other locations.

Specific criteria for Type A home occupations.

In addition to the general criteria established in subsection C., Type A home occupations are subject to the following restrictions:

1. No clients, nonresident employees or customers are allowed on the premises.
2. Pickups from and deliveries to the site in regard to the business shall be restricted to vehicles which have no more than two (2) axles and shall be restricted to no more than two (2) pickups or deliveries per day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. No signage regarding the home occupation is permitted on the property.
4. No advertisement shall be placed in any media (including flyers soliciting business) containing the address of the property.
5. Retail sales are prohibited.

Additional requirements. The foregoing requirements for home occupation shall be in addition to those requirements for business licenses generally, and any violation of these requirements shall be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of the subject business license, and vice versa. Upon any violation of this ordinance, the home occupation may be suspended, denied or terminated as with business licenses generally.

Renewal application. All persons wishing to renew their home occupation from the previous year shall make application for such renewal at the same time as provided for renewals of business licenses generally on such forms as may be prepared by the zoning administrator. Notwithstanding any terminology used in this section or any other provision herein to the contrary, the granting of a home occupation for one (1) year shall in no way vest any rights or privileges whatsoever to any renewal or subsequent permit, and such person must satisfy in full the requirements for such business license established by ordinance at the time of such renewal; provided, however, that if there is no change in the home occupation and the operations connected.

Property Landowner & Identification

Business Owner & Identification

Date of Signature

Date of Signature

Above Signature(s) Attested to and Witnessed By LCPC Staff Member

Date

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BUSINESS NARRATIVE

If your business will be a seasonal business, make sure seasonality is reflected in your narrative



Description of the Business: Answer as many of the following questions as you can.

- What type of business are you opening?
- What hours/days will you be open?
- Describe how your company's day-to-day operations work.
- _____
- _____
- What is the nature of the product(s) or service(s)? Take your time, be very specific!
- _____
- What groups of customers are you going after? _____
- What other kinds of businesses are in the neighborhood? _____
- What other licenses or permits will you be required to obtain? County? City? State? Health Dept.? _____
- _____
- Include a brief description of who does what.
- _____
- Do you have company cars or trucks for this business? _____
- How many employees will you need and when? _____
- What furniture, fixtures, equipment, tools, inventory, etc. do you need? _____
- _____
- How will you store the business inventory? _____
- _____

