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Overview of Type A Home Occupation” Zoning Ordinance - Section 12

Applicant Name:

Applicant Address:

Current Zoning:

Business Name:

Business Location:

“Type A- Home Occupation” residents/landowners use their home as a place of work for an on-site home office which may include business telephone or/and mailing address purposes. 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.

General provisions and prohibited uses.

All home occupations shall meet the following:

1. A home occupation shall be conducted within the principal building and only by members of the family residing in the building. Not more than one person shall be employed who is not a resident of the premises. 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, traffic hazard, unsightly or unhealthful condition, or other nuisance or disturbance.

7. 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. No motor power other than electrically operated motors shall be used in conjunction with such home occupation and the total horsepower of such permitted electrical motors shall not exceed three (3) horsepower, or one horsepower for any single motor.
8. 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.

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. Any home occupation as provided for in this section may be reviewed by the local governing authority at any time after twelve (12) months following the approval of such use and may revoke permission to continue such home occupation at any time thereafter.

Property Landowner & Identification

Date of Signature

Business Owner & Identification

Date of Signature

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

Date

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