



Home Occupation

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, Chapter 2, Article 4, Division 5

Section 2.4.5.2 Criteria for Home Occupations

(a) Criteria for Allowed Home Occupation Uses. The allowed uses under a customary Home Occupation shall comply with the following criteria.

(1) Home occupation must be shown as a permitted or conditional use in the Land Use Matrix, Section 2.5.2.1 [2.4.2.1].

(2) The home occupation shall be conducted by members of the family residing on the premises, and shall have no more than one (1) employee who does not reside on the premises.

(3) The home occupation may be conducted in the home or a detached accessory structure. The following conditions shall apply:

a. When Operated Within the Home: The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes by its occupants, and not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used in the conduct of the Home Occupation.

b. When Operated Within a Detached Accessory Building:

(i) The accessory building used for home occupation must be located to the side or rear of the home or dwelling unit.

(ii) The area of an accessory building used for a home occupation shall not be more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the floor area of the home or dwelling unit.

(iii) A Special Exception is required for any home occupation when conducted in a detached accessory building.

(4) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation, except that for each street front of the lot on which the building is located, there may be one (1) unanimated, non-illuminated, accessory identification sign having an area of not over two (2) square feet. Such sign or signs shall be placed flat against a wall or door or displayed in a window.

(5) There shall be no on-premises sales in connection with such home occupation.

(6) No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met off the street and not in a required front yard.

(7) No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot, if the occupation is conducted in a single-family residence. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers, or similar electronic devices, off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.

(Ord. No. 8-2010, pt. 1(Exh. A), 4-22-10; Ord. No. 56-2014, pt. 1(Exh. A), 8-14-14)

Section 2.4.5.3 Prohibited and Permitted Home Occupations

(a) Prohibited Home Occupation Uses. The following uses are specifically prohibited from operating as a home occupation.

(1) Animal clinic (2) Automobile Repair (3) Clinic (of any type, including) (4) Commercial stable (5) Cooking, catering or other food preparation businesses (6) Dress shop; (7) Health studio; (8) Hospital; (9) Kennel; (10) Medical or dental clinic or office; (11) Radio and television sales, repair and/or service. (12) Real estate office; (13) Palm reading; (14) Printing establishment; and (15) Tea room; (Ord. No. 8-2010, pt. 1 (Exh. A), 4-22-10)

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