

SECTION 35 - HOME OCCUPATIONS

Home occupations, as defined under Article II of this Ordinance, are permitted in any district where residential uses are allowed if a building permit or change of use permit is issued, and therefore subject to the following limitations:

35.01 DISPLAY AND STORAGE: No storage or display of materials, goods supplies, or equipment related to the operation shall be visible from the outside of any structure located on the premises.

35.02 MAXIMUM AREA: Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the floor area of the dwelling shall be used for the conduct of the home occupation.

35.03 TRAFFIC AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS: No traffic shall be generated by such home occupations in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood (as determined by the Zoning Administrator), and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupations shall be met off the street and other than in a required yard. Furthermore, an ample amount of such off-street parking shall be provided as determined by the Zoning Administrator at the time of the application for a building permit or change of use permit.

35.04 EXTERIOR LIGHTING: There shall be no exterior lighting which would indicate that the dwelling and/or accessory building is being utilized in whole or in part of any purpose other than residential.

35.05 SIGNS RELATING TO HOME OCCUPATIONS: One name plate measuring no more than one (1) square feet in area shall be allowed for each home occupation.

35.06 NON-RESIDENT EMPLOYEES: No more than one (1) actively-engaged, non-resident employee (i.e., a person not residing on the same premises with the operator) shall be employed in connection with any home occupation.

35.07 ADDRESS OF CONVENIENCE: A home occupation that is solely used for the purpose of receiving phone calls, mail, and keeping business records in connection with any profession or occupation shall be known as an “address of convenience.”

35.08 HOBBIES: Such as boat building or repair, furniture making or repair, automobile repair and rebuilding, and other activities not normally carried on extensively in a residential district shall not be permitted to the extent that they are annoying or harmful to nearby residential occupants. Such uses that involve the use of power tools or the creation of noise not usual to a residential district shall not be permitted between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

35.09 PERMITTED ACTIVITIES: Primary sale of goods in connection with such

home occupation shall be that which is prepared, produced, or grown on the premises. Home occupations may also provide services.

35.10 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: There shall be no retail, wholesale, or warehousing activity other than that which is clearly incidental to the direct provision of the service. Auto repair on vehicles other than the vehicles of the home owner or occupant of the home is prohibited. Also prohibited are: boat repair, animal hospitals, commercial kennels, funeral parlors or undertaking establishments, antiques shops, nurseries, restaurants, rooming houses, dancing schools, tea rooms, and embalming facilities.

35.11 ON-PREMISE CLIENT CONTACT: Customer and client contact shall be conducted primarily by telephone or mail, and not on the premises of the home occupation, except those home occupations, such as tutoring, music or swimming lessons, counseling or personal services, which cannot be conducted except by personal contact. Services or sales conducted on the premises shall be by appointment only, and shall not be oriented toward, or attract, off-the-street customer or client traffic. Barber shops and beauty shops shall be limited to one chair for clients.

35.12 DELIVERIES: Delivery of materials to and from the premises shall not involve the use of vehicles over two (2) ton capacity, except parcel post or other similar commercial delivery trucks.

35.13 USES PER DWELLING UNIT: There shall not be more than one use constituting a designated home occupation per dwelling unit.

35.14 OTHER PROVISIONS: No equipment or process shall be used in a home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, or odors detectable to the normal senses outside of the dwelling unit or accessory building in which the occupation is conducted. No equipment or process shall be used in any home occupation that creates visual or audible electrical interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises.