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## HOME OCCUPATIONS

**If you have questions, please contact a Customer Service Representative at 763-531-1000**

***The information in this pamphlet is not meant to cover all guidelines and requirements of city code. You should contact the city about required permits and specifications before beginning any project.***

Some types of home occupations are permitted in residential areas, provided all code regulations are followed and the occupation, profession, activity or use does not affect the residential character of the neighborhood. Unlawful home occupations include retail (other than by mail) or manufacturing businesses and repair shops of any kind. Home daycare is a permitted use in all residential districts, in accordance with city zoning ordinances. Contact city planning staff before establishing a home occupation. Standards applicable to home occupations are as follows:

- 1) No home occupation shall be permitted which results in or generates more traffic than two cars at any one given point in time.
- 2) Only persons residing on the premises shall be employed.
- 3) No home occupation shall be permitted which is noxious, offensive or hazardous my reason of vehicular traffic, generation or emission of noise, vibration, smoke, dust or other particulate matter, odorous matter, heat, humidity, glare, refuse, radiation or other objectionable emission.
- 4) No mechanical, electrical or other equipment shall be used which produces noise, electrical or magnetic interference, vibration, heat, glare or other nuisance outside the residential structure.
- 5) The home occupation shall be conducted entirely within the residential portion of the principal building.
- 6) No more than 25% or 400 square feet of the floor area of the dwelling, whichever is less, shall be devoted to the home occupation.
- 7) Such home occupation shall not require internal or external alterations or involve construction features not customarily found in dwellings, and no alteration of the principal residential building shall be made which changes the character and appearance thereof as a dwelling.
- 8) The entrance to the space devoted to such occupations shall be from within the dwelling.
- 9) There shall be no exterior storage or display of equipment, goods or materials used in the occupation.

- 10) One sign, not to exceed 4 square feet in area, may be placed on the premises. The sign may identify the home occupation, resident and address but may contain no other information. The sign may not be illuminated and must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from a property line abutting a public street. If the sign is freestanding, the total height may not exceed 5 feet.

**Permissible home occupations include, but are not limited to:**

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| * art studios  | * real estate agent or appraiser                   |
| * dress making | * office of a clergyman                            |
| * engineer     | * music instruction limited to 1 pupil at a time   |
| * lawyer       | * dancing instruction limited to 1 pupil at a time |
| * architect    | * accountant                                       |