

Sec. 16-22-130. - Home occupations.

(a)

Home occupations are permitted so that small businesses may function without incurring high overhead costs and persons can legally perform limited business activities within a residence. Such uses are regulated as follows in order to assure that there will be no negative impacts on adjacent residential uses/areas;

(1)

Locating a home occupation within a residential dwelling unit shall not result in an alteration to the residential appearance or character of the principal structure, use or parcel on which it is located;

(2)

Merchandise, products or other materials shall not be displayed in such a manner as to be visible from outside the dwelling. No materials used in conjunction with the home occupation shall be stored outdoors, except for family child care homes in which case rear yard storage of playground equipment, swing sets, toys, and other items associated with outdoor activity related to a family child care home is allowed;

(3)

There shall be no on-premises signs advertising the home occupation;

(4)

A resident engaged in a home occupation shall not engage in activity which creates commercial traffic, either vehicular or pedestrian, inconsistent with the residential character of the neighborhood;

(5)

The home occupation shall not result in the production of any noise, vibration, light, dust, odor, fumes, smoke, or other similar effects detectable outside the dwelling unit by the sense of normal human beings;

(6)

The use shall be conducted only within the dwelling unit, which may include a detached garage, if required off-street parking spaces are provided;

(7)

A home occupation allowed as a use by right in residential areas must be conducted only by family members residing in the home. Home occupations employing a person other than immediate family may only employ one (1) individual who is not a family member so long as parking needs for such employee are met on-site;

(8)

Parking related to the home occupation shall be confined to the street frontage of the lot in question, the driveway and the garage/carport. The home occupant may park no more than one motor vehicle used in the business upon the premises or confined to the street frontage of the lot in question; provided that any such vehicle does not exceed a one-ton chassis. In instances where the home is used as an office for business conducted off-premises, such as a home improvement contractor, lawn care service, etc., storage of materials, tools, equipment, trailers, trucks or vans used in the business shall not be permitted upon the premises from

which the home occupation operates except as otherwise provided herein.

(9)

Customers or clients of the home occupation may come to the home only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The customer hours do not apply to in-home child care;

(10)

No motor vehicle service, repair, maintenance, reconstruction, restoration, cleaning, sale, or storage shall be conducted as a home occupation. This shall not be interpreted to preclude any of these activities for vehicles owned and used by the residents of the home as their personal automobiles;

(11)

Storage of dangerous, combustible or volatile materials to be used in conjunction with the home occupation shall not be permitted;

(12)

No mechanical equipment shall be used except as permissible for purely domestic or household purposes;

(13)

The principal structure within which the home occupation is located shall comply with all applicable building and fire codes;

(14)

The operator of any home occupation shall obtain all necessary sales and use tax licenses and all other licenses and permits required to operate; and

(15)

The provision of family child care services of two or more children shall require the prior written approval of any homeowners' association having jurisdiction over the property in questions.

(b)

A home occupation which is found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Section or other applicable requirements of this Code, shall cease operations until the violation has been corrected.

(Ord. 32 §1, 2011)