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HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE (30-11.5 C.M.C.)

30-11.5 Home Occupations.

This subsection established standards for the operation of a home occupation as an accessory to a permitted dwelling unit in a residential zone.

a. Home occupations shall be limited to low-intensity businesses and small craft activities, such as offices, telemarketing, off-site consulting, painting and rug weaving, that cannot affect neighboring residences.

b. A home occupation shall be subject to the following standards and limitations:

1. There shall be no merchandise, signs, equipment or materials visible from outside the dwelling. The appearance or construction of the dwelling shall not be altered nor shall there be any activity that indicates that the dwelling is used for a nonresidential purpose.

2. The home occupation shall be conducted solely within the residential structure and shall not operate out-of-doors or within a garage.

3. The home occupation shall be limited to one (1) room of the dwelling or twenty-five (25%) percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling, whichever is less.

4. Only the residents of the dwelling shall be employed in the business.

5. The home occupation shall not use, produce or maintain any hazardous materials or chemicals. Tools and equipment used in the conduct of the business shall not generate smoke, dust, noise or vibrations beyond that typical to the residential use.

6. No wholesale or retail business, nor any business involving on-site sales shall operate as a home occupation. Telephone or mail order marketing businesses shall be permitted provided that no delivery of goods occurs on site. Limited or incidental storage of goods may be permitted on-site up to a maximum of fifty (50) cubic feet.

7. No identifiably commercial vehicle or equipment used in conjunction with the home occupation shall be parked on-site or on an adjacent street.

8. Vehicular or pedestrian traffic to the business shall not exceed that normally experienced by exclusively residential use.

9. Vehicle repair, equipment repair, merchandise sales, dating services, beauty salons, on-site food preparation, upholstery and similar uses are not permitted as a home occupation.

10. Custom alterations and dressmaking is permitted as a home occupation provided the activity complies with the requirements of the Bureau of Labor Standards.

(Ord. #2101, § 6)