

Sec. 22-63. - Home occupations.

- (a) *Purpose.* This section attempts to recognize the need for people to conduct appropriate small-scale business activities at home. Provisions for home occupations in the section are also intended to achieve compatibility with other permitted uses and the residential character of the neighborhood and ensure that the home occupation is only an accessory use of the property.
- (b) *Standards.* All home occupations shall comply with the following standards and shall be evaluated in the issuance of occupational licenses:
- (1) No person other than a person who resides in the dwelling unit shall be engaged in the home occupation.
 - (2) The home occupation shall be an accessory use conducted only within the enclosed living area of the dwelling unit or the garage.
 - (3) The exterior appearance of the residential dwelling in which the home occupation is located shall not be altered in a manner which would cause the premises to differ from their residential character by the use of colors, materials, construction or lighting.
 - (4) The home occupation premises shall not be advertised by the use of any signs on the lot on which the occupation takes place which are readily visible from the street.
 - (5) There shall be no outside storage of any kind related to the home occupation.
 - (6) The home occupation shall not generate traffic (vehicular or pedestrian), noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical interference beyond what normally occurs in the applicable zoning district.
 - (7) The home occupation will not involve the use of commercial vehicles for delivery of materials to or from the premises except for normal home delivery services.
 - (8) Parking generated by the conduct of a home occupation shall occur off the street and somewhere other than in a required front yard.
 - (9) No home occupation shall cause an increase in the use of water, sewer or garbage services so that the combined total use for dwelling and home occupation purposes exceeds the average for residences in the neighborhood.
 - (10) The home occupation shall not use raw materials for the manufacture of a finished product by special tools and devices that would not normally be found in a home and considered as purely a domestic implement.
 - (11) No home occupation shall display stock for trade on the premises and no article may be sold or offered for sale except as may be produced on the premises or utilized in conjunction with the home occupation, the main purpose of which is to provide a service.
 - (12) A home occupation may not be utilized to meet the mixed-use requirements set forth in the Central Business District Future Land Use designation of the Comprehensive Plan.
- (c) *Compliance.* Home occupations existing at the time this section is adopted will comply substantially with the standards of this section on or before January 1, 1982.