

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

### HOME OCCUPATIONS

**Section 16-10 Home Occupations** - Home Occupations are occupations or commercial activities carried out as an accessory or secondary use to a residential dwelling. Home Occupation permits are issued to the resident and do not "run with the land", therefore Home Occupation Permits may not be transferred.

**Section 16-15 Activities Not Requiring Permits** - Home occupation activities which may be exempted from permitting by the Planning and Zoning Department:

1. Are not visible from outside the residence or accessory building.
2. Has no on-site sales.
3. Involves no non-resident employees.
4. Does not increase traffic to the residence.
5. Involves an area less than one-fourth (1/4) of the total square footage under roof in the residential dwelling unit.
6. Involve no deliveries other than normal mail or parcel deliveries.

**Section 16-20 Permitted Activities** - Home Occupations requiring permits:

- A. **Appearance** - Shall not change the outside appearance of the dwelling, other than the addition of a legal home occupation sign. Sign size shall not exceed two (2') feet X four (4') feet or total of eight (8') square feet and shall not be illuminated.
- B. **Outside Storage** - Shall not involve the outside storage of equipment or goods of any kind.
- C. **Employees** - Shall not employ more than one (1) person outside the resident family.
- D. **Nuisances** - Shall not produce offensive noise, vibration, smoke, electrical interference, dust, odors or heat detectable beyond the property lines or beyond the walls of the dwelling unit, if part of a duplex or multifamily structure.
- E. **Deliveries** - The receipt or delivery of merchandise, goods, or supplies for use in a home occupation shall be limited to normal mail and parcel delivery services.
- F. **Area Used** - The home occupation must be conducted wholly within the dwelling or an accessory building located on the same lot. The area used for the home occupation shall not exceed one-half (1/2) of the total square footage under roof in the residential dwelling unit.

**Section 16-25 Prohibited Uses** - The following listed uses are examples of uses which are prohibited as home occupations:

- A. Barber or beauty shops with more than two chairs.
- B. Animal hospitals
- C. Stables or kennels on parcels of less than twenty (20) acres.
- D. Nursery schools or day cares with more than ten (10) children.
- E. Automobile repair or paint shops.
- F. Restaurants
- G. Motels or Bed and Breakfasts.
- H. Medical offices for doctors, dentists, and veterinarians.