Home Occupations /Home-based Work

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Defined

Home occupations/home-based work is any occupation performed or business conducted by a resident within a residence that is clearly incidental to and secondary to the principal use of the structure for residential dwelling purposes. They are divided into two classes based on use intensity: Type A and Type B.

Type A Type A home occupations have little impact on the character of the residential structure and surrounding residential neighborhood. They do not significantly increase traffic, noise levels or create obnoxious odors. Follow the steps below for **administrative approval by Planning**:

1. **Check for compliance:**
   - Business complies with Type A Criteria in Sec. 601.12 Home Occupations;
   - Type A is allowed by right as set forth in Sec. 401.05 Table of Uses
2. **Submit to Planning for administrative review:**
   - Complete Certification of Home Occupation Compliance Form.
   - If the resident is not the property owner, a complete Home Occupation Property Owner Approval Form.

Type B Type B home occupations are those occupations that do not meet one or more of the requirements of a Type A home occupation and by their nature have characteristics that may not be suitable for a residential structure or neighborhoods. Follow the steps below for **a conditional use permit approved by Planning Commission**.

1. **Check for compliance:**
   - Business complies with Type B Criteria in Sec. 601.12 Home Occupations.
   - Type B is allowed with a conditional use permit as set forth in Sec. 401.05 Table of Uses.
2. **Submit to Planning for review by Planning Commission.**
   - Submit to Planning a complete Conditional Use Application.
   - Submit to Planning a complete Home Occupation Compliance Form.
   - If the resident is not the property owner, submit to Planning a complete Home Occupation Property Owner Approval Form.