

HOME OCCUPATIONS REGULATIONS

Excerpt from the

CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE

of City of Plano

CITY OF PLANO BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Definition – Article 3, Section 3-110 – Home Occupation

Any activity carried out for gain by a resident which results in the manufacturing or provision of goods and/or services and is conducted as an accessory use in a dwelling unit.

In all cases, home occupations shall meet the following conditions and requirements:

1. Only one employee other than occupants of the residence may be employed. A person who receives a wage, salary or percentage of profits directly related to the home occupation shall be considered an employee. This definition shall not include the coordination or supervision of employees who do not regularly visit the house of purposes related to the business.
2. No interior or exterior signage shall be used to advertise the occupation. Vehicles bearing business signs shall not be parked on the street or within thirty (30) feet of the curb.
3. A home occupation shall be conducted wholly within the principal dwelling. The total floor area to be used for a home occupation shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the total floor area of the principal dwelling, including garages. However, instructional classes may be held outside providing other stipulations of this ordinance are met. A maximum of six (6) students may be allowed in each session.
4. Merchandise shall not be offered or displayed for sale on the premises. Sales incidental to a service shall be allowed; and orders previously made by telephone or at a sales party may be filled on the premises.
5. No outdoor storage of materials, goods, supplies, or equipment shall be allowed.
6. No building alterations shall be allowed that will alter the residential character of the home.
7. No repair or servicing of vehicles, internal combustion engines, large equipment or large appliances shall be allowed.
8. A home occupation shall produce no offensive noise, vibration, smoke, electrical interference, dirt, odors or heat in excess of those normally found in residential areas.
9. No toxic, explosive, flammable, combustible, corrosive, radioactive, or other hazardous materials shall be used or stored on the site for business purposes.
10. No traffic shall be generated by a home occupation in greater volume than normally expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking must be accommodated within the required off-street parking for the residence or along the street frontage for the lot.

NOTE:

Please contact Homeowner's Association for additional requirements from Deed Restrictions and Covenants.

No permit or license is required from the City of Plano to operate a home occupation which fully complies with the above provisions. It is advisable, however, to contact the county to discuss establishing a business name (dba) and to contact the State Comptroller's Office regarding the need for a sales tax certificate. Phone numbers are as follows: Collin County Clerk's Office: 972-548-4185 or 972-424-1460 ext: 4185. State Comptroller's Office: 9221 LBJ Freeway, Suite 100 Dallas, TX 75243-3429 972-792-5800.

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