

Standards in the Review of Home Occupations

Property Owner(s): _____
Property Address: _____
Proposed Home Occupation: _____

Please provide a response to the following specific standards that are used for home occupations and home offices proposed as accessory uses in R-1, R-2, R-3, R-3E, R-4, R-5, R-6, R-7, R-8, A-1, and A-2 Districts (from Section 15-3.0802F. of the UDO):

1. **Home Occupation Employees.** No person shall be employed other than members of the immediate family residing on the premises.

2. **Maximum Floor Area Permitted to be Used for Home Occupation.** The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation or home office shall be clearly incidental and secondary to its use for residential purposes. No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation or home office; and no outside display, storage, or use of land is permitted.

3. **No Change in the Outside Appearance of the Building, Accessory Structure, or Premises Permitted.** There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building, accessory structure, or premises as a result of such home occupation or office, with the exception of an unlighted sign or nameplate, not more than one (1) square foot in total area, attached to and not projecting from the building.

4. **Conduct of Home Occupation in Accessory Building or Structure Prohibited.** No home occupation or home office shall be conducted in any accessory building or structure or outdoors.

5. **Use of Mechanical and Electrical Equipment.** No mechanical equipment shall be used on the premises, except such that is normally used for purely domestic or household purposes. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television sets off the premises, or causes fluctuations in line voltage in excess of that normally associated with household use. Computer equipment which meets the aforementioned criteria and which can be purchased for use in the home shall be considered as "normally associated with household use."

6. **Sale and Display of Commodities and Goods.** No commodity or good not produced on the premises shall be sold on the premises nor displayed on the exterior or interior of the premises, or warehoused on the premises for sale elsewhere. This does not preclude taking orders for sales or provision of services off-site.

7. **Traffic.** No vehicular or pedestrian traffic shall be generated by such home occupation or home office in greater volume than would normally be expected from the principle use. In the case of measuring vehicular traffic, criteria established in the most current edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineer's publication titled Trip Generation shall be used.

8. **Home Occupation Uses--Permitted and Not Permitted.** A home occupation may include, but not be limited to the following: domestic crafts such as seamstress, sewing, tailoring, weaving, washing and ironing, private tutoring and instruction (limited to three [3] pupils at any one time), and home offices shall include professional services. Millinery shops, tearooms, restaurants, tourist homes, bed and breakfast establishments, auto repair and tune-up, general offices which would require more off-street parking than which is required for the type of residential use which is permitted in the residential district, clinics, physician's, dentist's and offices of the like, welding shops, animal hospitals, veterinary clinics, catering or other food preparation businesses, funeral parlors and undertaking establishments, antique shops, rooming houses, dancing schools, and kennels, among others, shall not be deemed to be home occupations.

9. **Levels of Noise, Emissions, Radiation, Vibration, Heat, Glare, Smoke, Dust, Fumes, Odors, or Electrical Interference.** There shall be no levels of noise, emissions, radiation, vibration, heat, glare, smoke, dust, fumes, odors, or electrical interference created which is detectable to the normal senses outside the dwelling unit in excess of that normally associated with household use.

10. **Refuse.** No refuse in excess of the amount allowable for regular residential pick-up shall be generated by any home occupation.

11. **Nuisance Causing Activities.** No home occupation shall cause or create any nuisance; cause or create any substantial or undue adverse impact on any adjacent property or the character of the area; or threaten the public health, safety or general welfare; or be noxious, offensive, or hazardous.

12. **Materials Which Decompose by Detonation Prohibited.** No materials which decompose by detonation shall be allowed in conjunction with a home occupation.

13. **Public Utility Use Exceeding Typical Residential Dwelling Unit Demand Not Permitted.** No home occupation shall be permitted which generates sewerage or water use in excess of what is typical for a residential dwelling unit.
