

Article 207: RESIDENTIAL HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE

(Amended 3/10/2009, 03/11/14, 03/14/2023)

207.1 PURPOSE:

The standards of this Section dealing with home occupations are designed to protect and maintain the residential character of a neighborhood while permitting certain limited commercial activities which are traditionally carried out in a home.

207.2 DEFINITION:

Home occupation is defined as any business, occupation or activity conducted for gain within a residential building, or an accessory building thereto, which is incidental or secondary to the use of such building for dwelling purposes and which does not change the essential residential character of the building. This regulation applies to all zoning districts.

207.3 STANDARDS:

- A.** The home occupation shall be conducted solely by the member(s) of the immediate family that reside(s) in the dwelling unit except that one (1) additional non-resident may also be employed.
- B.** No sign other than a name plate not more than two square feet in area shall be allowed. *(Amended 3/10/2009)*
- C.** No display that will indicate from the exterior that the building is being utilized in part for any purpose other than that of a dwelling shall be allowed.
- D.** No equipment or process shall be used in a home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot if the occupation is conducted in a single-

family dwelling; or outside the dwelling unit if conducted in other than a single-family dwelling.

- E.** All home occupations shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building.
- F.** No materials or equipment associated with the home occupation shall be stored outside the building.
- G.** The following businesses, occupations or activities are specifically prohibited:
 - 1. Motor vehicle and accessory sales or rental, repair and/or painting, including trailer rental or sales.
 - 2. Medical or dental clinic.
 - 3. Restaurant.
 - 4. Kennel and veterinary clinic.
 - 5. Funeral home.
 - 6. Private homes in which more than three children, not including the provider's own children, are cared for regularly for any part of the day. (In compliance with State RSA 170-E:3) *(Amended: 03/11/14)*
 - 7. Repair shops or service establishments, except the repairs of electrical appliances, typewriters, cameras, or other similar small items.
 - 8. Beauty shops and barber shops, except when customer visits are by appointment only and are limited to no more than two customers in any one hour period. Beauty shops and barber shops allowed under these provisions shall be registered with the appropriate licensing and inspection authorities.
- H.** The home occupation shall not involve the use for delivery of materials to and from the premises or the on-site, over-night parking of commercial vehicles over twelve thousand (12,000) lbs GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating). The intent is to permit delivery vehicles such as United Parcel Service vehicles but to exclude tractor-trailers and other large, heavy commercial vehicles. (Amended 03/14/2006)

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- I. Home occupations that meet all the requirements of this ordinance are exempt from site plan review.

207.4 Enforcement:

This section shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen. Any Person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined in accordance with RSA 676:17, I-V, as it may be amended. Please refer to Section A -1000 for penalties, administration, and enforcement of this ordinance. *(Added 03/14/2023)*