



Planning Department

Home Occupation Procedure and Checklist

Preliminary Review: Each applicant for a home occupation shall review the list of criteria for home occupations and prohibited uses available from the Planning Department. Applicants may contact the Fire Department for the information regarding the use and storage of hazardous materials. If the criteria are satisfied, a formal application for a home occupation permit may be filed.

Application Submittal: Upon a determination that the home occupation is permitted, an application form shall be completed. This **must** contain the signature of the property owner, as well as the applicant's signature indicating they will comply with the established criteria and any conditions that may be required. The application must be accompanied by a fee as established by Resolution of the City Council.

Notification of Area Residents: Upon receipt of the application and fee, the Planning Department will notify residents within 150 feet of the subject property of the intended home occupation. The notice will identify the type of business proposed and the criteria that must be satisfied. The notice will also invite residents to respond within 10 days identifying any concerns.

Issuance of Permit: At the conclusion of the 10 day period, a home occupation permit may be issued if there have been no objections from area residents. The Finance Department will be advised of the issuance of all home occupation permits. In the event of an objection to the application, no permit will be issued and the application must be denied. Action taken regarding rejection or denial of an application may be appealed to the Zoning Administrator. Information on appeal procedures may be obtained from the Planning Department.

Home Occupation Criteria / Criterio para Ocupaciones en Casa

- The home occupation shall be conducted within a house or garage by an inhabitant thereof and shall be clearly incidental to the use of the structure as a house or garage.
- The home occupation shall be confined to one room of the house or garage.
- There shall be no use of material or mechanical equipment not recognized as being part of a normal household or hobby.
- In no way shall the appearance of the house or garage be so altered or the conduct of the occupation within the house or garage be such that the structure may reasonably be recognized as serving the non-residential use.
- No signs shall be allowed.
- No one other than a resident of the dwelling shall be employed in the conduct of a home occupation.
- A home occupation shall not create any radio or television interference or noise audible beyond the boundaries of the site.
- A home occupation shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for delivery of home occupation materials to or from the premises with the following exceptions:
 - Normal residential delivery services (e.g. UPS, etc.)
 - A vehicle, not to exceed one (1) ton capacity, owned by the operator of the home occupation
- There shall be no customers, clients, nor visitors coming to the residence for purposes of the business.
- There shall be no use of utilities or community facilities beyond that normal to the use of the property for residential purposes as defined in the district.
- There shall be no outdoor storage associated with the home occupation.
- The home occupation shall not affect nor reduce the parking spaces required by the Municipal Code.
- Home occupations shall not involve the use or storage of chemicals and/or other hazardous materials on-site beyond that normally associated with residential uses. Home occupations shall be subject to Fire Department approval or conditional approval.
- A business license shall be obtained pursuant to Madera Municipal Code, Title 6.
- The following uses are specifically prohibited as home occupations:
 - Auto and other vehicle repair
 - Beauty salons and Barber shops
 - Sale of furniture, appliances and other bulky merchandise which involves on-site storage

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- El negocio en casa será conducida dentro de la casa o de el garage por un habitante de la casa y será claramente secundario al uso de la estructura como una casa o garage.
- El negocio en casa estara confinado a un solo sitio de la casa o del garage.
- No habrá uso de equipo, material o mecánica no reconocido como siendo parte de un hogar o de una afición normal.
- De ninguna manera se alterara el aspecto de la casa o de el garage o la conducta del negocio dentro de la casa o del garage sera tal que la estructura se pueda razonablemente reconocer como servir al uso no residencial.
- No se permitirá ningun letrero.
- Nadie, con la excepción de los residentes de la vivienda, será empleado en la conducta de una ocupacion en casa.
- El negocio en casa no creará ninguna interferencia del radio o de televisión o divulgará sonido más allá de los límites del sitio.
- Un negocio en casa no tendra el uso de vehículos comerciales para el envio o el recivo de materiales del negocio en casa con las siguientes excepciones:
 - servicios de envio residenciales normales (e.g. U.P.S., etc.)
 - un vehículo, que no excede la capacidad de una (1) tonelada, siendo propiedad del operador de El negocio en casa.
- No habrá clientes ni visitantes a la residencia relativo al negocio.
- No habrá uso de utilidades o de recursos de la comunidad más allá de lo normal al uso de las propiedades residenciales según lo definido en el distrito.
- No habrá almacenaje al aire libre asociado con el negocio en casa.
- El negocio en casa no afectará ni reducirá los espacios de estacionamiento requeridos por el Código Municipal de Madera.
- El negocio en casa no implicarán el uso o el almacenaje de productos químicos y/o de otros materiales peligrosos en el sitio más allá de ése asociado normalmente a usos residenciales. Negocios en casa serán sujetos a la aprobación de el Departamento de Bomberos o a la aprobación de uso condicional.
- Una licencia de negocio será obtenida conforme al Código Municipal de Madera, Título 6.
- Los usos siguientes son expresamente prohibidos como negocios en casa:
 - Reparación de automóvil o otro vehículos;
 - Salones de belleza y barberías;
 - La venta de muebles, aplicaciones y otra mercancía abultada que implica el almacenaje en el sitio.