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Home Occupation Permit (\$100.00)

Applicant Name: _____ Email/Phone: _____

Address: _____ Type of Business: _____

Description of Business: _____

Section 50-133 (a) of City Code states: It is the intent of this article to allow an occupation for gain or support in the dwelling unit, provided that the use does not adversely affect the immediate neighborhood by excessive traffic generation, parking, noise, appearance, or other incompatible characteristics. Home occupations shall be allowed in all residential zoning districts except the golf course residential (GCR) district, unless prohibited by deed restrictions or homeowner association restrictions.

In order to operate a home occupation, the following general standards must be met:

- (1) No person who is not a resident of the dwelling may be engaged or employed in the home occupation.
- (2) The use of the dwelling unit for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for the residential purposes, by its occupants, and not more than 25 percent of the floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation.
- (3) There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation other than one non-illuminated sign, of dimensions no greater than two square feet. Any such sign must be attached to the exterior of the dwelling.
- (4) No home occupation nor any phase thereof, including storage, processing or other activity associated with such business, shall be conducted in any accessory building. There shall be no outside storage of goods, products, equipment, or other materials associated with the home occupation.
- (5) There shall be no goods or products sold or offered for sale or for pick-up by purchasers on-site, other than goods or products that are accessory to a service delivered on-premises to a customer or client of the business. Sales of products other than the above must be limited to off-site or online sales.
- (6) All parking in connection with the home occupation (including parking of vehicles marked with advertising or signage for the home occupation) must be accommodated off the street, in driveway and garage areas on the premises. No parking in connection with the home occupation shall be allowed in the front yard.
- (7) No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot, including transmittal through vertical or horizontal party walls. In the case of electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual or audible interference in any radio or television receivers, or causes fluctuations in line voltage off the premises, including through vertical or horizontal party walls.
- (8) Customer or client visits to the home occupation may only take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00p.m.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined above. I understand that failure to comply with one or more of the terms and conditions may cause this permit to be revoked.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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Zoning Classification _____ Planning Division Authorization Signature _____ Date _____

Remarks: _____