

## **HOME OCCUPATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

### **Section 9.5D HOME OCCUPATION of the Village of Franklin Park Zoning Code**

#### **Definition**

Home Occupation. An activity carried out for economic gain by a resident, conducted as an accessory use in the resident's dwelling unit.

#### **General Regulations**

Home occupations must be:

- a. Incidental to the residential use of the zoning lot.
- b. Compatible with residential uses and cannot detract from the residential character of the neighborhood.
- c. Limited in extent.

#### **Conditions**

A permitted home occupation is subject to the following conditions:

- a. A home occupation must be operated entirely within a dwelling unit or a permitted accessory structure. Space within a garage for a home occupation cannot occupy required vehicle parking spaces.
- b. A home occupation cannot have a separate entrance from outside the building, or otherwise involve an alteration in the residential appearance of any structure upon the property.
- c. A home occupation cannot display or create outside the building any external evidence of its operation. A home occupation cannot display any sign or advertisement visible from outside of the dwelling unit. No advertisement for the home occupation may be placed containing the address of the property.
- d. Only members of the household residing in the dwelling may work in connection with the home occupation.
- e. Performance standards:
  - i. A home occupation cannot utilize mechanical or electrical equipment other than the type normally found in a dwelling unit or associated with domestic or hobby purposes. Electrical or mechanical equipment that creates visible or audible interference in radio or television receivers or causes fluctuation in line voltage outside the dwelling unit or that creates noise not normally associated with residential uses is prohibited.
  - ii. The home occupation cannot produce offensive noise, vibration, smoke, electrical interference, dust, or other particulate matter, odors, heat, humidity, or glare detectable to normal sensory perception beyond the lot lines, or beyond the walls of the dwelling unit if the unit is part of a multi-family structure.
  - iii. No toxic, explosive, flammable, combustible, corrosive, etiologic, or radioactive materials, or materials which decompose by detonation can be stored or used in connection with a home occupation.
- f. Merchandise cannot be displayed or offered for sale either within or outside of the building.
- g. No home occupation may involve outside customers or visitors that come to the home.
- h. A home occupation cannot use required off-street parking spaces.
- i. The home occupation cannot generate greater traffic volumes or have a greater impact upon availability of parking than would normally be expected from residential uses in a residential neighborhood.
- j. No exterior storage of home occupation materials, supplies, or equipment used is permitted. No waste resulting from any off-site operation of a home occupation may be stored in any manner on the lot associated with the home occupation or upon any right-of-way.
- k. All delivery of merchandise, goods, or equipment must be by a passenger motor vehicle or by parcel or letter carrier mail services using vehicles typically employed in residential deliveries.
- l. The use or storage of tractor trailers, semi-trucks, or heavy equipment, such as construction equipment used in a commercial business, is prohibited and is not allowed to be dispatched from the home.
- m. The following types of home occupations or operations are specifically prohibited:
  - i. Repair and service of any vehicles, any type of heavy machinery or any type of engine, is prohibited.
  - ii. Small electronic repair, including computers.
  - iii. Rental services, where any materials for rent are stored on-site and customers visit the residence to pick-up and return the product, are prohibited.
  - iv. Dispatching services, where workers report to the home for dispatching, are prohibited.
  - v. Any administrative services associated with the home occupation, such as workers report to the home for paychecks.
  - vi. The business of firearm transfers.
  - vii. Short term rentals (See Village Code Section 4-6, Article E)
  - viii. Any operation of an industrial use typically permitted in an industrial district is prohibited.