

Palm Springs Municipal Code

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5.22.010 Purpose.

This chapter is intended to provide for those home occupation uses customarily conducted entirely within a residential dwelling and carried on by a maximum of two occupants. The use must be clearly incidental to the residential use of the dwelling and may not change the character thereof nor adversely affect the uses permitted in that zone of which it is a part. (Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.020 Business license required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry on any home occupation in the city without first having procured a business license and complied with any and all applicable provisions of Chapters 3.40 through 3.96 of this code. (Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.030 Permit required.

Application for a home occupation permit shall be made to the business license collector. The business license collector shall issue a home occupation use permit in addition to a business license upon determining that the proposed home occupation meets all the requirements of this chapter and complies with all regulations of the department of community development and fire department. (Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.040 Permit fee.

Upon initial issuance of a home occupation permit, the business license collector shall collect a fee for the permit as determined by resolution of the city council. (Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.050 Regulations.

A home occupation permit for home occupations allowed by the provisions of this chapter shall be granted by the business license collector provided the home occupation complies with the following regulations:

- (1) Home occupations shall be conducted within a dwelling and shall be clearly secondary to the use of the structure as a dwelling. In no instance shall one or more home occupations occupy an excess of two hundred square feet of living area per dwelling.
- (2) A home occupation shall not be conducted in an accessory structure or garage and there shall be no storage of equipment or supplies in an accessory structure or garage or outside the dwelling.
- (3) There shall be no external alteration to any dwelling that would indicate the existence of a home occupation and in no case shall the home occupation be evident from outside of the dwelling.
- (4) No one other than a resident, and no more than two residents of the dwelling shall be employed in the conduct of a home occupation.
- (5) A permittee of a home occupation shall not advertise that occupation in a manner which encourages pedestrian or vehicular traffic to the premises.
- (6) No motor or motorized tool shall exceed one horsepower and the total horsepower of such motors shall not exceed two horsepower.
- (7) A home occupation shall not create any radio or television interference or create noise audible from outside of the dwelling.
- (8) No smoke, odor, liquid, vibration, or solid waste shall be emitted from the dwelling. There shall be

no discharge into the sewer system in violation of any applicable Government Code.

(9) All truck and other vehicular storage or parking shall comply with the provisions of Section 9306.00-B-6 of the Palm Springs Zoning Ordinance.

(10) A home occupation shall not be permitted if it causes any increase in pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(11) No retail or wholesale sales or service type businesses shall be conducted on the premises if on-site contact with the public occurs.

(12) All displays, signs, and/or on premises advertisements shall be prohibited. Signs affixed to vehicles shall comply with Section 8160.21 of the Palm Springs Sign Ordinance.

(13) There shall be no use of utilities or community facilities beyond that normal to the use of the property for residential purposes.

(14) There shall be no use or storage of dangerous chemicals, acids, caustics, explosives or otherwise hazardous equipment or materials.

(Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.060 Term of permits.

All permits for home occupations shall continue in existence until abandoned or revoked. The permits shall be nontransferable. (Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.070 Revocation of permit.

If the business license collector determines that a home occupation is being conducted in violation of the provisions of this chapter he shall cause a notice of violation and revocation of permit to be mailed, by certified mail, to the permittee at the address shown on the home occupation permit. Said notice shall contain the following information:

(1) The name and address of the permittee;

(2) The nature of the alleged violation;

(3) The section of this chapter which is deemed violated;

(4) That the home occupation permit shall be deemed revoked ten days from the date of mailing of said notice unless a written notice of appeal is filed with the city clerk before the revocation date, or the alleged violation has been corrected, before the revocation date, to the satisfaction of the business license collector.

(Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.080 Appeal procedure.

The appeal procedure as set forth in Chapter 3.68 of this code is applicable to this chapter. (Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)

5.22.090 Violation a public nuisance.

Any violation of this chapter is a public nuisance. (Ord. 1170 § 1 (part), 1982)