

Howard Township – Cass County, Michigan
Zoning Compliance Application - Home Occupation (please print)

Property Owner Name _____

Property Address _____

HOME OCCUPATION: Zoning Ordinance #158 definition: The occupation conducted within a dwelling unit and carried on by the inhabitants thereof. Home occupations may provide for one (1) full time non-resident employee. Home occupations shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for living purposes, shall not change the character thereof, and shall not endanger the health, safety, and welfare of any other persons residing in that area by reason of noise, noxious odors, unsanitary or unsightly conditions, fire hazards and the like, involved in or resulting from such occupation, professions or hobby.

Provide a letter indicating the nature of the home occupation with sufficient facts to indicate that the home occupation will comply with the following requirements.

Initial the following to show that you have read and understand –

_____ No more than one (1) person total (not including the members of the family residing on the premises) shall be engaged in such occupation.

_____ The use of the dwelling unit for a home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use for residential purposes, and not more than one-quarter (25%) of the floor area of the floor on which the occupation is being conducted may be used for the purposes of the home occupation or for storage purposes in conjunction with home occupation.

_____ A home occupation shall be conducted completely within the dwelling unit or permitted accessory building. A home occupation conducted within accessory building shall not occupy more than 50% of said building. Accessory buildings in excess of 1,200 square feet shall be limited to 600 square feet in which to conduct the permitted home occupation.

_____ There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the structure or premises, or other visible evidence of conduct of such home occupation, and there shall be no external or internal alterations not customary in residential areas including the expansion of off-street parking areas in excess of residential standards.

_____ A home occupation shall not create noise, dust, vibration, smell, smoke, glare, electrical interference, wireless communications interference, fire hazard, or any other hazard or nuisance to any greater or more frequent extent than would normally be generated in a similarly zoned residential district.

_____ Signs not customarily found in residential areas shall be prohibited, however that one (1) non-illuminated name plate, not more than four (4) square feet in area, may be attached to the building, and which sign shall contain only the name, occupation, and address of the premises in the R-1 district. Freestanding signs not in excess of six (6) square feet in area may be placed on private property in the AR district as an alternative but not in addition to a sign placed on the dwelling.

_____ No outdoor display or storage of materials, goods, supplies, or equipment used in the home occupation shall be permitted on the premises.

State your hours of operation: _____

_____ **ATTACHED IS A COPY OF MY STATE LICENSE** (enter n/a if not applicable)

Date _____