



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

Property Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME OCCUPATION:** Zoning Ordinance #192 definition: Any occupation conducted within a dwelling unit or accessory building and carried on by the inhabitants thereof. 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, but not limited to, noise, noxious odors, unsanitary or unsightly conditions, fire hazards, traffic, and the like, involved in or resulting from such occupation, professions or hobby.

Home occupations shall be approved by the Zoning Administrator. *A zoning compliance application shall be accompanied by a letter* indicating the nature of the home occupation with sufficient facts to indicate that the home occupation will comply with the requirements of this section, and a copy of the applicants' state license (if applicable).

**A home occupation may be permitted in a single family detached dwelling within a zoning district where such dwelling is permitted, subject to the following conditions:** (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 shall not exceed a total area greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the usable floor area of the dwelling unit.

\_\_\_\_\_ A home occupation shall be conducted completely within the dwelling unit or permitted accessory building. A home occupation conducted within an accessory building shall not occupy more than fifty percent (50%) of said building. Accessory buildings in excess of one thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet shall be limited to six hundred (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. 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 communication interference, fire hazard, traffic volume, 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 two (2) square feet in area, may be attached to the building, and which sign shall contain only the name, occupation, and address of the premises. Freestanding signs not in excess of four (4) square feet in area may be placed on residential 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 days and hours of operation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Care Operations need to list the maximum number of minors to be in your care:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner