



CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

HOME OCCUPATION

ZONING REGULATIONS

Home Occupation Regulations from the Municipal Code:

“Home occupation” means an occupation carried on by the occupant of a dwelling as an accessory use to the customary residential purpose. The following criteria shall be determinative of a valid home occupation:

1. It shall not involve employment of help other than resident members of the family.
2. It shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic beyond that normal to the residential zone in which it is located.
3. It shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for pickup or delivery of materials from the premises (common carriers excepted).
4. It shall not involve the use of signs.
5. It shall not involve more than twenty-five percent of the dwelling floor area, but in any event, not more than two hundred square feet.
6. A home occupation may be conducted only within a dwelling.
7. In no way shall the appearance of the structure or premises be so altered, or the conduct of the occupation within the structure or premises be such that the structure or premises may be reasonably recognized as serving a nonresidential use (either by color, materials or construction, lighting, signs, sounds, or noises, vibrations, etc.).
8. There shall be no connection of utilities or use of community facilities other than customary for residential purposes.
9. No motor power other than electrically operated motors shall be used in connection therewith, and the total combined horsepower of such electric motors shall not exceed three horsepower.
10. There shall be no stock-in-trade.
11. Not more than one vehicle shall be utilized for a home occupation. Such vehicle shall not be of a type not customarily used in conjunction with the residential use, or exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of six thousand pounds.

Additional Regulations from the Fire Department:

12. A 2A-10BC extinguisher with a State Fire Marshall tag attached shall be mounted no higher than 5 feet off the floor. Extinguisher must be serviced annually by a certified company. (CFC 906.2)
13. A smoke detector shall be installed and maintained in bedrooms designated as an office/work area. (CFC 907.2.10)
14. Multi-plug adapters and extension cords are prohibited. Power strips and surge protectors are permitted (CFC 604.5)
15. All electrical receptacles, switches and junction boxes shall have cover plates. (CFC 604.1)
16. No hazardous materials shall be stored or maintained in any portion of the house.
17. Office/work area shall be maintained clean and neat.