Home Occupations

Goal: Provide opportunity for new businesses and retain quality of residential neighborhood.

How does the proposed New Code meet this goal?

1. Designates Home Occupation as an **Accessory Use** in residential areas with three types permits:

- Home Occupation I: Home-based business where there are no outside employees or customers visiting the premises. No permit is required.
- Home Occupation II: Home-based business that does not meet the above definition. Permit process is administrative, but still includes public notice to surrounding property owners.
- *New* - Home Occupation III: Home-based business that cannot meet the standards of Home Occupation I or II. Permit is considered by the Planning Commission following public notice to surrounding property owners and public hearing.

2. Allows for **regular review of Home Occupations.** Permits will sunset after five years, or if applicant is no longer residing on premises, or if conditions of permit are violated.

3. Home occupations I and II must occur in an enclosed building, cannot generate noise, odors, etc. beyond the property line, and limited to 525 sq. ft., but can be increased on lots > .5 acres.

4. Bed & Breakfast Inns, Market Gardens, and Child Care Homes are not considered home occupations and have their own standards and processes.

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