

Checklist for Customary Home Occupation Petitions

Somerset Zoning By-law section 7.6 provides that, "A customary home occupation shall be an occupation conducted in a dwelling and may include, but need not be limited to activities such as fine arts studio, insurance or real estate office, dressmaking, catering, teaching of not more than four pupils simultaneously, or in the case of musical instruction, not more than one pupil at a time, beauty parlor, office of a builder, plumber, electrical or other contractor, but not including parking of trucks or trailers, or storage of equipment or materials in conjunction therewith, except for one commercial vehicle." Additional By-law requirements are set forth below.

Describe the proposed customary home occupation:

By checking each of the following, I hereby certify that I meet the specific requirements of the Somerset Zoning By-law section 7.6:

1. No more than three persons shall be engaged in such activities. _____
2. The use shall be carried on strictly within the principal building. _____
3. There shall be no exterior features not customary in buildings for residential use. _____
4. The use of the dwelling for the home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to its use as a dwelling by its occupants and not more than 25 percent of the floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used in the conduct of the home occupation. _____
5. There shall be no change in the outside appearance of the building or premises, or other visible evidence of the conduct of such home occupation other than signs permitted under [By-law] subsection 6.5.1. _____
6. There shall be no sale of merchandise other than that produced on the premises using equipment customarily found in a home. _____
7. No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than normally expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by such home occupation shall be met off-street and not in the required front yard. _____
8. No equipment or process shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electric interference detectable to the normal senses off the lot. _____
9. Not more than one commercial vehicle used in connection with such home occupation shall be stored on the premises, and an off-street parking space shall be provided for such a vehicle. _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____