

Township of Abington
Home Occupation Questionnaire

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Notice: This questionnaire will be reviewed by the Zoning Officer of the Township of Abington. Approval of this accessory use of your residential property will be done through the issuance of an approval letter.

Requirement: All home occupations are governed by the requirements of Section 706.A-7 of the zoning Ordinance of the Township of Abington. They are as follows:

Definition: An activity, occupation or use that is professional and office oriented in nature, and clearly customary, incidental and accessory to the use of the property as a single family dwelling. In addition, the use is not permitted to alter the exterior of the property or affect the residential character of the neighborhood.

- a. The home occupation shall be conducted wholly indoors the dwelling or accessory structure.
- b. There shall be no use of window signs, lawn signs or any other type of signs, to include signage on vehicles permitted on the property.
- c. There shall be no external storage of materials or parking of commercial vehicles associated with the home occupation.
- d. There are no external alterations, additions or changes to the structure permitted in order to accommodate the home occupation. See Section 706.A-7 for addition information.
- e. Home occupations shall not include any retail or whole sale activities, instructional classes, day care, trade business, boarding and other similar uses.
- f. The servicing by commercial vehicles for supplies and materials, other than parcel drop-off is not permitted.
- g. The business must be conducted solely by the occupants. No employees are permitted to work from the property.
- h. The floor area devoted to the business is not permitted to exceed 25% of the ground floor area of the principal building or a maximum of 400 square feet, whatever is less.
- i. Visitation by clients shall be appointment only, and regulated in such a fashion so that parking is provided on-site and not within the public right-of-way.

If there are any questions as to the permissibility of a proposed use, applicants may contact me at 267-536-1017.

Sincerely,

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