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Appendix B Home Occupations Business Licence Division

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Excerpts from Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw relating to Home Occupation Uses (for Information to Applicants).

From **104 DEFINITIONS** (pages 100-8 and 100-9)

- **HOME OCCUPATION**

"**Home Occupation**" means an occupation or profession carried on by an occupant for consideration which is clearly incidental and accessory to the use of the **dwelling unit** for **residential** purposes, and which shall be limited to (a) Crafts & Teaching, (b) **Residential** Registered Office, (c) **Residential** Business Office, and (d) **Child Care** Programme as herein defined, which uses do not indicate from the exterior that the **building** is being utilized for any purpose other than **residential**;

- (a) Crafts and Teaching, which shall include traditional crafts, handicrafts as an extension of a hobby, and instruction in the arts;
- (b) **Residential** Registered Office, which means a principal office located within the **dwelling unit** and **used** by an occupant for the keeping of records providing the other business of the company is carried on entirely off the premises;
- (c) **Residential** Business Office, which means an office located within the **dwelling unit** and **used** by an occupant provided the business is carried on entirely within the **dwelling unit**.
- (d) **Child Care** Programme, which means Family Day Care, Group Day Care, Specialized Day Care, Nursery School, Child Minding and Out-of-School Care, established pursuant to the Community Care Facility Act and having a maximum capacity of 10 children.

From **DIVISION 300** (pages 300-1 to 300-3)

DIVISION 300: HOME OCCUPATIONS

Home Occupation uses shall be limited to the categories listed and defined in Section 104 of this Bylaw, and shall be carried out in conformity with the following requirements.

301 CRAFTS & TEACHING

- .01 The use must be clearly incidental and accessory to the use of the **dwelling unit** for **residential** purposes.
- .02 The use may be carried out only by members of the **family** residing in the **dwelling unit**.

301 CRAFTS & TEACHING (con't)

- .03 There must be no variation of the **residential** character of the **dwelling unit** or its **accessory buildings**, nor shall there be any exterior indication of the use except for a single unilluminated name plate not exceeding in area 0.1m² (1.076 ft²) which shall be placed within or flat against the main front wall of the **dwelling unit**.
- .04 The use must be carried out wholly within the **dwelling unit** or a **building**, and there shall be no outside storage of goods or equipment.
- .05 The use shall not create noise, dust, vibration, odour, smoke, glare, electrical interference, fire hazard, or any other hazard or nuisance to any greater or more frequent extent than that usually experienced in an average **residential** occupancy in the zoning district in question under normal circumstances wherein no **home occupation** exists.
- .06 The use shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic to a greater extent than is normal in the zoning district in question.
- .07 Except for articles actually produced on the premises, no stock in trade shall be displayed or sold.

302 RESIDENTIAL REGISTERED OFFICES

- .01 The use must be clearly incidental and accessory to the use of the **dwelling unit** for **residential** purposes.
- .02 The use may be carried out only by members of the **family** residing in the **dwelling unit**.
- .03 There must be no variation of the residential character of the **dwelling unit** or its **accessory buildings**, nor shall there be any exterior indication of the use any except for a single unilluminated name plate not exceeding in area 0.1m² (1.076 ft²) which shall be placed within or flat against the main front wall of the **dwelling unit**.
- .04 The use must be carried out wholly within the **dwelling unit**, and there shall be no storage of goods or equipment on the property.
- .05 The use shall not create noise, dust, vibration, odour, smoke, glare, electrical interference, fire hazard, or any other hazard or nuisance to any greater or more frequent extent than that usually experienced in an average **residential** occupancy in the zoning district in question under normal circumstances wherein no **home occupation** exists.
- .06 The use shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic to a greater extent than is normal in the zoning district in question.
- .07 The use shall be limited to an office of record for a business otherwise carried on entirely off the premises.

303 RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS OFFICES

- .01 The use must be clearly incidental and accessory to the use of the **dwelling unit** for **residential** purposes.
- .02 The use may be carried out only by members of the **family** residing in the **dwelling unit**.
- .03 There must be no variation of the **residential** character of the **dwelling unit** or its **accessory buildings**, nor shall there be any exterior indication of the use except for a single unilluminated name plate not exceeding in area 0.1m² (1.076 ft²) which shall be placed within or flat against the main front wall of the **dwelling unit**.
- .04 The use must be carried out wholly within the **dwelling unit** and there shall be no storage of goods or equipment on the property.
- .05 The use shall not create noise, dust, vibration, odour, smoke, glare, electrical interference, fire hazard, or any other hazard of nuisance to any greater or more frequent extent than that usually experienced in an average **residential** occupancy in the zoning district in question under normal circumstances wherein no **home occupation** exists.
- .06 The use shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic to a greater extent than is normal in the zoning districts in question.
- .07 The use shall be limited to a business office carried on entirely within the **dwelling unit** by a resident.

304 CHILD CARE PROGRAMMES

- .01 The use must be clearly incidental and accessory to the use of the **dwelling unit** for **residential** purposes.
- .02 The use may be carried out only by members of the **family** residing in the **dwelling unit**.
- .03 There must be no variation of the **residential** character of the **dwelling unit** or its **accessory buildings**.

If you have any questions regarding the above, telephone the Zoning Section at (604) 276-4000.

Thank you.