

THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

APPENDIX A, ZONING  
CODE OF ORDINANCES

No..... Date.....

Approved.....Mayor

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE WARWICK CODE OF  
ORDINANCES, ZONING, SECTION 601

Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:

SECTION I. Appendix A, Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick, Section 600 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

601.3. *Home occupations.* Home occupations customarily conducted entirely within a dwelling and/or garage including but not limited to custom dressmaking, screen print, tailoring, fabric sewing, foster family care of not more than four children, or office in which goods, wares or merchandise are not commercially created or repaired, are permitted in all residence districts provided that any such home occupation:

- (A) Shall be operated entirely within a dwelling unit and/or garage.
- ~~(B) Shall be operated only by the person or persons residing within the dwelling unit.~~
- (B) It must be carried on by a resident of the structure as either a sole proprietorship or a corporation that is wholly owned by the residents of the structure, or a partnership where all partners are residents of the structure.
- (C) Shall utilize not more than ~~20 percent~~ 25 percent of the gross floor area in the dwelling unit (excluding garage area) or not more than ~~300~~ 500 square feet, whichever is less.
- (D) Shall have not more than one employee or regular assistant not residing in the dwelling unit.
- (E) Shall provide off-street parking for at least three (3) vehicles for the dwelling and home occupation; ~~the number of parking spaces, location of said parking and appropriate screening shall be as~~ determined by the building official, provided that no such parking shall be located on the city street and/or within a required front yard, unless in an already existing driveway.
- (F) Only one (1) vehicle used in connection with the home occupation shall be parked or stored on the premises; provided, however, the vehicle will not be a truck, such as, but not limited to, a dump truck, box truck, a fuel oil delivery truck or wrecker,

1 and no advertising or reference to the home occupation may be displayed on the  
2 vehicle in any manner. All vehicles must be parked in the driveway. In no instance  
3 may the vehicle(s) used by the dwelling unit and/or the vehicle used in the con-  
4 nection with the home occupation be parked on the street or in a required front,  
5 side or rear yard except in an already existing or expanded driveway. There shall  
6 be no pick up or delivery of goods to the home occupation by box truck or larger  
7 with the exception of standard residential delivery service trucks, ie Fedex or  
8 UPS.

9 (G) No display of goods, products, or services shall be visible from outside the dwell-  
10 ing.

11 (H) Only handmade items, foodstuffs defined as substances suitable for consumption  
12 as food, and crafts made in the home and/or garage may be offered for sale on the  
13 premises; no other goods, products or commodities bought for the express pur-  
14 pose of resale shall be sold at retail or wholesale on the premises nor shall such  
15 goods or products be stored or displayed on the premises.

16 (I) No equipment or process shall be used in connection with the home occupation  
17 which is hazardous and/or creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electri-  
18 cal interference detectable to the normal senses off the premises. In the case of  
19 electrical interference, no equipment or process shall be used which creates visual  
20 or audible interference in any radio or television receivers off the premises.

21 (J) The use of any garage for a home occupation is prohibited unless the structure  
22 meets the building code requirements as determined by the building official and is  
23 within the maximum area requirements set forth in 601.3(C)

24 (K) No specialty service, such as but not limited to dance instruction, crafts, or music  
25 lessons shall be provided for a group larger than one (1) person.

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27 SECTION II. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by  
28 law.

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31 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN HOWE  
32 COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR

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34 COMMITTEE: ORDINANCE