



## CITY OF CANTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOME OCCUPATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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By affixing my signature below, I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby Acknowledge and affirm that I have been provided a copy of the City of Canton's Unified Development Code standards as they apply to home occupation permits. I hereby agree to fully comply with said standards (as established in Section 104.02.03, Home Occupations), and if found in violation, understand that my business license may be revoked immediately in addition to other penalties under law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Business

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Business

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### HOME OCCUPATION STANDARDS

#### 4.02.03

##### A. Generally

- 1) A home occupation is permissible in a lawfully established dwelling unit in any zoning district where residential uses are permissible. All home occupations shall meet the standards set for in Section 104.02.03.C
- 2) The following and similar uses shall be considered home occupations:
  - a. Office for professionals, such as attorneys, drafters, realtors, insurance agents, engineers, architects, appraisal services, and other similar professions for consultations;
  - b. Instruction or teaching, such as, but not limited to, academic tutoring, performing arts, fine arts, or culinary arts, provided that no more than 2 students are instructed at any one time;
  - c. Administrative or clerical support services, such as transcription, court reporters, stenographers, notary public, or addressing services;
  - d. Personal services, such as beauty or barber shop, nail technician, dress-making or tailoring, provided that the service is limited to 1 station;
  - e. Pet grooming;
  - f. Day care for 6 or fewer children (Family Day Care Home);
  - g. Licensed medical practitioner (excluding veterinarians);
  - h. Manufacturers' or sales' representative office;
  - i. Studios for artists, photographers, or artisans; and
  - j. Outdoor instructional services for swimming.
  - k. Short-term rental units allowed under chapter 18, article XV of the Code of the City of Canton, Georgia
- 3) An interpretation by the Community Development Director that a use not listed in Section 104.02.03A.2 is similar shall be based on the tasks and activities normally associated with the proposed use and the similarity of those tasks and activities with the tasks and activities normally associated with a listed use.
- 4) Under no event shall the permitted uses under this Section be deemed to circumvent any of the regulations of the State of Georgia, nor be deemed to allow a use by any individual who has not first been approved by the appropriate department having authority over the same for the

State of Georgia.

5) In no event shall the uses as permitted under this Section require the City of Canton, its departments or employees to be responsible for enforcement of any requirements placed on an individual by the State of Georgia, or have any responsibility to anyone, where someone is maintaining a facility as would otherwise be allowed under this Section without first meeting all State of Georgia requirements and regulations.

B. Prohibited Uses. The following uses shall not be considered home occupations and are prohibited:

- 1) Towing truck business;
- 2) Auto detailing;
- 3) Private club;
- 4) Auto repair;
- 5) Veterinarian;
- 6) Restaurants and taverns; and
- 7) Taxi services.

C. Standards for all Home Occupations

- 1) Location. Except for permitted outdoor instructional services, the use shall be carried on wholly within the principal building. The attachment of an accessory building by breezeway, roof, or similar structure shall not be deemed as sufficient for the accessory building to be considered as a portion of the primary building.
- 2) Size. Not more than 25 percent of the floor area, not to exceed 500 square feet, of the principal building shall be used for the conduct of the home occupation.
- 3) Displays. No merchandise or articles shall be displayed for advertising purpose, nor be displayed in such a way as to be visible from outside the dwelling.
- 4) Business Equipment and Vehicles. No equipment or business vehicle may be stored or parked on the premises except that one business vehicle (the carrying capacity of which shall not exceed 1 ½ tons) used exclusively by the resident may be parked in a carport or garage.
- 5) Residential Character Maintained. There shall be no alteration of the residential character of the building or premises, and the conduct of the home occupation shall not increase the normal flow of traffic or on-street or off-street parking.
- 6) Inhabitants. The number of persons working for the home occupation who are not residents living on the premises shall not exceed one.
- 7) Parking. One off-street paved parking space shall be provided in addition to the required parking for residential use of the building.
- 8) No motor power, other than electrically operated motors, shall be used and the total horsepower of such motors shall not exceed three horsepower or one horsepower for any single motor.
- 9) Nuisance Factors. The home occupation shall not constitute a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood. The use of machinery or equipment, the instruction or teaching of performing arts such as voice or music, or any other objectionable condition that produces noise, smoke, odor, vibration, or electrical interference beyond the property line of the lot on which the home occupation is located shall be prohibited.
- 10) Signage. See the Permanent Signs section in Chapter 103.
- 11) Business License Required. All home occupations shall have a business license from the City of Canton.
- 12) Outside Storage. Outside storage of materials used in connection with a home occupation is prohibited; however, storage of materials in an accessory building is permissible.
- 13) Business Hours. No business involving on-site visits by customers shall be conducted between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, nor shall business involving on-site visits by customers be conducted on Sunday.