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Barrow County Home Office Requirements

Sec. 89-219 Home Office: A home occupation that is limited to an office use and does not involve visits or access by the public, suppliers or customers, and does not involve the receipt, maintenance, repair, storage or transfer of merchandise at the home.

(b) Home occupations in general. Home occupations are subject to the following:

1. No home occupation use shall create noise, dust, vibrations, smell, excessive traffic, smoke, glare, or electrical interference that would be detected beyond the dwelling unit.
2. A home occupation use shall not create traffic inconsistent with surrounding property uses.
3. There shall be no exterior lighting of the building or property that is not in character with the residential neighborhood.

(c) Home Office

1. Home offices shall be located and conducted in such a manner that the average neighbor under normal circumstances would not be aware of their existence.

2. Permitted activities.

A. A home office shall be limited to the personal conduct of a business within one's place of residence. There shall be no exterior indication that the business activity is taking place.

B. A home office is allowed only as an accessory use to a residential dwelling

(3) Limitations on size and location.

a. The floor area devoted to the home office no more that 25 percent of the heated floor area of the dwelling unit or 500 square feet (whichever is less). This limitation applies to the aggregate floor area of all areas devoted to the home office, whether located within the dwelling or is an accessory structure.

b. There shall be no activity or display associated with the home office outside of any building or structure.

c. The use shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling unit.

(4) Activity Controls.

a. There shall be no exchange of merchandise of any kind on the premises.

b. No use shall involve public contact on the property and no article, product or service shall be sold on the premises other than by telephone, unless this use has been granted a special permit.

c. There shall be no activities on the premises that are associated with personal service occupation such as a barber shop, beauty shop, hairdresser or similar activities.

d. There shall be no manufacturing assembly or fabrication of products on the premises conducted as an occupation or commercial venture.

e. There shall be no associates or employees on the premises other than other members of the family who reside on the premises.

f. It shall be unlawful to store or park any business material, business equipment or business vehicle on the premises of the home office, unless any such business material equipment or vehicle is confined entirely within the residence or in an approved accessory structure, except the one business vehicle complying with the restrictions contained in subsection 89-726(a) and (b), and used exclusively by the resident may be parked on a paved driveway or other paved parking area, in a carport or garage, or in a rear yard.

g. There shall be no parking spaces provided or designated specifically for the home office.

I have read, understood and agree to the above terms of the Home Office Permit.

By signing this document I understand that any violation of the above terms will null and void this permit.

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Signature Date