



# BOROUGH OF PERKASIO

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## HOME USE OCCUPATION APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If different than applicant:

OWNER Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship between Applicant & Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address items A-K to show each requirement is met for a Home Use Occupation [Zoning Ord. 186-18.H(4)]. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

- A. Proposed Home Use Occupation (Including Business Name). [Uses permitted as an accessory home occupation include but are not limited to: art studio, office, hair care, photography, custom sewing, tax preparation, or musical instruction].
- B. The following uses shall not be permitted as an accessory home occupation: veterinarian office, stable, kennel, funeral home, retail store (other than over the phone or through the mail, or where clearly incidental to the accessory use), restaurant, auto repair, trucking company terminal, hotel, motel, nursing home, boardinghouse, retail sales, painting of vehicles, tractor repair, lawn mower and engine repair, manufacturing (other than custom crafts) or bulk welding.
- C. Professional office. The main office of a medical doctor, chiropractor, dentist or attorney, accountant or other like professional shall only be allowed as an accessory home occupation if the property abuts an arterial or collector street.
- D. An accessory home occupation shall not include any retail or wholesale sales on the premises (other than over the phone and through the mail, or where clearly incidental to the accessory use) nor any industrial use (other than custom crafts and sewing).
- E. An accessory home occupation must be conducted within a dwelling which is the residence of the principal practitioner or in an accessory building which is normally associated with a residential use. The accessory home occupation shall be carried on wholly indoors.
- F. The maximum amount of floor area devoted to an accessory home occupation shall not be more than 25% of the ground floor area of the principal residential structure, excluding the floor area covered by an attached garage or similar structure.  
Floor area devoted to the home occupation use: \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft  
Ground floor area of principal residential structure excluding floor area covered by attached garage or similar: \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft
- G. In no way shall the appearance of the residential structure be altered or the occupation within the residence be conducted in a manner which would cause the premises to differ from its residential character by the use of colors, materials, construction, lighting, show windows or advertising visible outside the premises to attract customers or clients, other than those signs permitted in section J below
- H. An accessory home occupation shall only involve persons working on the premises who are permanent residents of the dwelling, plus a maximum of one nonresident employee working on the premises at any one point in time; except a barber, beauty shop or hairstylist may not include any nonresident employees.

- I. Hours. An accessory home occupation shall not be conducted in a way that is perceptible from beyond the lot line between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. This time limit shall also apply to any loading or unloading of vehicles on the property or on a street that causes noise to adjacent residences.
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- J. There shall be no use of show windows, business display or advertising visible from outside the premises, except one non-illuminated sign with a maximum sign area of 4 sq ft on each of two sides, with a max height of 8 ft. Such sign shall not be located within 5 ft of the rear edge of the sidewalk or within 10 ft of the proposed curblineline of the street in those areas not having a sidewalk.
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- K. The address of the accessory home occupation shall not be advertised in such a way that would encourage customers and salespersons to come to the property without an appointment.
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- L. Parking and loading.
- [1] In any case, an accessory home occupation shall include an absolute minimum of one off-street parking space (which may be the same space as serves the dwelling).
- [2] The applicant shall prove that the use will include adequate off-street parking and loading spaces. The amount of parking in the required front yard should be held to a minimum to maintain a residential character. The applicant is encouraged to minimize the need for on-street parking, but appropriate, safe on-street areas may be allowed to be used to meet a portion of parking needs.
- [3] If additional parking is needed beyond what can be accommodated using appropriate on-street spaces and a residential-style driveway, then such parking may be required to be provided in the rear of the home, with adequate buffering between adjoining properties, and may deny the use if such rear parking and buffering cannot be accommodated.
- [4] Any required off-street spaces shall be conveniently located to reach the door of the accessory home occupation.
- [5] Traffic. The use shall not involve the parking of more than three vehicles of nonresidents at any one time.
- [6] Truck traffic. The use shall not require the use or servicing by a vehicle with more than one-ton loading capacity, except for deliveries a maximum of two times per day. This use shall not involve the parking of more than two trucks of any type on the lot or on adjacent streets at any period of time. The use shall not need servicing by, deliveries by, or parking of tractor-trailer trucks.
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- M. If the accessory home occupation involves work (other than auto/tractor trailer repair or painting) occurring on a vehicle(s), no more than one such vehicle(s) shall be parked on the lot overnight. At no time should such vehicles be parked on abutting streets.
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- N. Hazardous substances. The use shall not involve the storage or use of hazardous, flammable, or explosive substances, other than types and amounts commonly found in a dwelling. The use shall not involve the use or storage of toxic substances.
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- O. There shall be no exterior storage of materials or refuse resulting from the operation of the accessory home occupation.
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- P. The use shall comply with all environmental and nuisance control regulations of this chapter, including Article VII.
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- Q. A zoning permit shall be required for all accessory home occupations.

The applicant hereby certifies that the statements and data contained herein and attached hereto are true and complete.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED** Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR BOROUGH USE ONLY**

Zoning Permit in accordance with the foregoing application is hereby granted, subject to the following restrictions:

NONE \_\_\_\_\_  ELECTRIC DEPT. NOTIFIED

APPROVED  DENIED Zoning Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_