

CITY OF YACHATS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Work Session  
April 16, 2013  
Minutes

Vice Chair Lawrence Musial called the April work session to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Musial, Christine Orchard, Katherine Guenther, Nan Scott, Ken Aebi, and Helen Anderson. Also present, City Planner Larry Lewis.

The members reviewed the current Home Occupation Standard language and discussed alternatives that would eliminate confusion.

Commissioners agreed on the following definition:

***A home occupation is a business, profession or other economic activity conducted full- or part-time in the principal residence of the person conducting the business.***

The Commissions agreed upon the following changes to the standards for the section:

D. Standards for a Home Occupation.

1. The home occupation shall be secondary to the main use of the property as a residence.

2. ~~The home occupation shall be limited to either an accessory structure or not over twenty five (25) percent of the floor area of the main floor of a dwelling. If located within an accessory structure, the home occupation shall not utilize over six hundred (600) square feet of floor area.~~

3. No structural alteration, including the provision of an additional entrance, shall be permitted to accommodate the home occupation except when otherwise required by law. Such structural alteration shall not detract from the outward appearance of the property as a residential use.

4. No person ~~other than members of the immediate family~~ those residing in the dwelling is to be engaged in the home occupation.

5. No window display and no sample commodities displayed outside the building shall be allowed. ~~One unlighted sign not exceeding one and one-half square feet in area shall be permitted. The sign shall either be attached to the exterior of the building, or, if detached from the building, shall not be located in a required front or street side yard. No signs shall be permitted; exception, the provisions provided under Section 9.44.030(C) or 9.44.050(F).~~

6. ~~No stock in trade stored nor commodity kept for sale which is not produced on the premises shall be allowed.~~

7. No materials or mechanical equipment shall be used which is detrimental to the residential use of the dwelling or adjoining dwellings because of vibration, noise, dust, smoke, odor, hazardous or toxic chemicals, interference with radio or television reception, or other factors.

8. No materials or commodities shall be delivered to or from the residence which are of such bulk or quantity as to create undesirable traffic or congestion.

9. No parking of customer's vehicles in a manner or frequency so as to cause disturbance or inconvenience to nearby residents ~~or so as to necessitate off-street parking~~ shall be allowed.

10. A valid business license from the city shall be required.

11. If the applicant shall certify that the home occupation ~~will be primarily conducted by electronic means or U.S. mail and that in the normal conduct of the business consumers, clients or patients shall not visit the premises and no shipment of materials or product shall be made by commercial means,~~ meets all of

1 | [the above standards](#), the city planner or designee may authorize the licensing of the home occupation and  
2 waive the conditional use permit requirement. Such license shall be subject to annual review.  
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10 Christine Orchard, Vice Chair  
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17 Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder