

September 11, 2007

To the Honorable Common Council
Zoning, Neighborhoods and
Development Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 070453 relates to regulations for home occupations. This file requires that any person desiring to conduct a home occupation first obtain a certificate of home occupation from the department of neighborhood services. The fee for a home occupation certificate shall be \$50. The ordinance also requires that home occupations comply with various zoning code provisions. These include the following:

1. A home occupation shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the residential use of the dwelling unit.
2. Not more than 25% of the total usable floor area of the principal building and the basement may be devoted to the home occupation.
3. A home occupation cannot involve explosives, fireworks or repair of motor vehicles including body work.
4. No one other than members of the family residing in the dwelling unit shall be employed in a home occupation in a residential zoning district. In a commercial or industrial zoning district, one person may be employed on the site in connection with the home occupation who is not an actual resident of the dwelling unit.

On July 18, 2007, the Zoning Code Technical Committee met. The City Attorney's representative indicated that the file would have to be revised slightly in order for it to meet legality and enforceability. The file meets the standards of administrative efficiency and consistency with the format of the zoning code.

Since the proposed substitute meets the standards of legality, enforceability, administrative efficiency, and consistency with the zoning code, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on September 10, 2007, recommended approval of the file.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

c: E. Richardson