

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**DEFINITION OF HOME OCCUPATIONS**

Pursuant to Sections 6161(d), 6171(a), 6181(a), and 6801(c) of the San Mateo County Zoning Ordinance, **HOME OCCUPATIONS** are permitted in all "R" districts.

**SECTION 6102.46. HOME OCCUPATION.** Customary, incidental home occupations conducted within a dwelling, provided that no retail business of any sort is involved; no stock in trade is kept, or commodity sold, except for the sale of commodities made on the premises; no person not a resident of the premises is employed; and an area not larger than one-fourth (1/4) of the floor area of the ground floor of the dwelling is devoted to such home occupation; provided, however, that such home occupation shall not require internal or external alterations, or involve construction features, or use of equipment not customary in dwellings; that the entrance to the space devoted to such occupation be from within the building and that no display pertaining to such occupation be visible from the street; and

Provided, further, that only one sign or name plate, not exceeding two (2) square feet in area and containing the name and occupation only, shall be permitted in connection with each such home occupation, which sign or name plate shall be attached flat to the dwelling and shall not be illuminated.

**ARTICLE 1. USE: GENERAL PROVISIONS AND EXCEPTIONS AFFECTING**

**SECTION 6400.** The following accessory uses, in addition to those hereinbefore specified, shall be permitted in any "R" District, provided that such accessory uses do not alter the character of the premises in respect to their use for the purposes permitted in such respective districts.

- (d) The office of a resident person engaged in one of the following professions, subject, however, to the same requirements and limitations as specified for home occupations:
1. Architect.
  2. Lawyer.
  3. Physician and/or surgeon.
  4. Other professions which in the opinion of the Planning Commission are similar in character.