

CITY OF MERCED  
Planning Department

**MINOR HOME OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**  
(See Current Fee Schedule for Fee)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand Section 20.48.040, Home  
(please print name)

Occupations Standards, of the Merced City Zoning Ordinance, as reproduced on the reverse side of this form.

I propose to establish a home occupation in my home at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_, Merced, California.

Said home occupation will consist of the following activities (please give a detailed description of all activities taking place at the home):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any employees who do **NOT** reside in the home?  
(If yes, you will need to apply for a Major Home Occupation.)

Yes  No

Will clients/customers visit the home?  
(If yes, you'll need to apply for a Major Home Occupation Certificate.)

Yes  No

I hereby state that my home occupation will conform to all provisions set forth in said Section 20.48.040 of the Merced City Zoning Ordinance and with the information stated above.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
*This section for Planning Department Use Only*

CERTIFICATE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

ZONING DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXCERPT FROM MERCED CITY ZONING ORDINANCE

### 20.48.040(A) Home Occupation Standards.

All home occupations shall comply with the following standards:

1. **Size.** Home occupations shall not occupy more than 25 percent of the floor area of the dwelling unit or 400 square feet, whichever is less.
2. **Sales and Displays.** Products shall not be sold directly to customers within a home occupation. Home occupations may not establish window display of products to attract customers.
3. **Advertising.** No newspaper, radio, or television service shall be used to advertise the location of business; however, contact information, including phone numbers and e-mail address (but not the location address), shall be allowed on such advertisements.
4. **Signs.** One single-non-illuminated, wall-mounted outdoor sign of not more than 1 square foot in area is permitted.
5. **Vehicle Traffic.** A home occupation shall not generate vehicle traffic greater than normally associated with a residential use. No more than 2 vehicles associated with the business shall be parked in the immediate neighborhood.
6. **Deliveries.** Deliveries and pick-ups for home occupations shall not interfere with vehicle circulation, and shall occur only between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
7. **Mechanical Equipment.** No mechanical equipment shall be permitted that is not normally associated with a residential use.
8. **Performance Standards.** Home occupations shall not generate dust, odors, noise, vibration, or electrical interference or fluctuation that is perceptible beyond the property line.
9. **Hazardous Materials and Auto Repair Prohibited.** The storage of flammable, combustible, or explosive materials is prohibited as is auto repair in either minor or major home occupations.

### 20.48.040(B) Additional Standards for Minor Home Occupations.

1. **Employees.** Employees of a minor home occupation shall be limited to the persons residing in the dwelling unit.
2. **Clients.** No Clients or customers are permitted to visit a minor home occupation.
3. **Outdoor Storage.** Goods, materials, equipment associated with a home occupation shall be stored within an enclosed structure or in a manner that is not visible from beyond the property line.

### 20.48.050 Suspension of Permit

The Director of Development Services may suspend the approval of a home occupation if any of the following applies:

- A. The home occupation has become:
  1. Detrimental to public health, safety, welfare, or character of a neighborhood.
  2. In violation of any city, county and/or state code, ordinance, rule or regulation.
  3. A hazard or nuisance to pedestrian, vehicular circulation or parking, or the community in general.
  4. A different form than which the permit was issued.
- B. The home occupation does not commence within one year of approval; or,
- C. The home occupation ceases for a period greater than one year.