

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF MILLE LACS  
PRINCETON TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 4**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401, ZONING  
ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO AMENDING SECTION 300:143  
PERTAINING TO HOME OCCUPATIONS AND ADDING A TWO-  
TIER PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVALS**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRINCETON TOWNSHIP  
ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 300:143 Home Occupations, is amended to add the following:

300:143 Home Occupations. In addition to the requirements and standards imposed upon Interim Uses under this Ordinance, Home Occupation shall also meet the following minimum requirements:

7. Procedures and Permits.
  - a. Permitted Home Occupation. Any permitted home occupation as defined in this Ordinance, and subject to the performance standards of this Section, may be conducted solely within a single family detached dwelling (excluding attached garage space and/or any accessory structures). The permitted home occupation shall require a “permitted home occupation permit”. Such permits shall be issued subject to the conditions of this Section, other applicable Ordinances and State law. This permit may be issued by the Zoning Administrator based upon proof of compliance with the provisions of this Section. Application for the “permitted home occupation permit” shall be accompanied by a fee as adopted by the Township Board of Supervisors. If the Zoning Administrator denies a permitted home occupation permit to an applicant, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Township Board of Supervisors. The permit shall remain in force and effect until such time as there has been a change in conditions or until such time as the provisions of this Section have been breached. At such time as the Township has reason to believe that either event has taken place, a public hearing shall be held before the Planning Commission, following the procedural provisions of an interim use permit in Section 300:235 of this

Ordinance. The Township Board of Supervisors shall make a final decision on whether or not the permit holder is entitled to the permit.

- b. Special Home Occupation. Any home occupation which does not meet the specific requirements for a permitted home occupation as defined in this Section shall require a “special home occupation permit” which shall be applied for reviewed and disposed on in accordance with the procedural provisions of an interim use permit found in Section 300:235 of this Ordinance.
  - c. Declaration of Conditions. The Township Board of Supervisors may impose such conditions on the granting of a special home occupation permit as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and provisions of this Section.
  - d. Transferability. Permits shall not run with the land and shall not be transferable.
  - e. Lapse of Special Home Occupation Permit by Non-Use. Whenever within one (1) year after granting a permit the use as permitted by the permit shall not have been initiated, then such permit shall become null and void unless a petition for extension of time in which to complete the work has been granted by the Township Board of Supervisors. Such extension shall be requested in writing and filed with the Zoning Administrator at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of the original permit. There shall be no charge for the filing of such petition. The request for extension shall state facts showing a good faith attempt to initiate the use. Such petition shall be presented to the Township Board of Supervisors for a decision.
  - f. Reconsideration. Whenever an application for a permit has been considered and denied by the Township Board of Supervisors, a similar application for a permit affecting substantially the same property shall not be considered again by the Planning Commission or Township Board of Supervisors for at least six (6) months from the date of its denial unless a decision to reconsider such matters is made by not less than four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Township Board of Supervisors.
8. Requirement-General Provisions. All home occupations shall comply with the following general provisions and according to definition, the applicable requirement provisions.
- a. General Provisions.

- 1) No home occupation shall produce light, glare, noise, odor, vibration, smoke, dust, heat, or hazardous or toxic material shall not be produced, stored, or kept on the premises that will in any way have an objectionable effect upon adjacent or nearby property.
- 2) No equipment shall be used in the home occupation which will create electrical interference to surrounding properties.
- 3) Any home occupation shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the residential use of the premises, should not change the residential character thereof, and shall result in no incompatibility or disturbance to the surrounding residential uses.
- 4) No home occupation shall require internal or external alterations or involve construction features not customarily found in dwellings except where required to comply with local and state fire and police recommendations.
- 5) The home occupation shall meet all applicable fire and building codes.
- 6) All signing and informational or visual communication devices shall be in compliance with Section 600:200 of this Ordinance.
- 7) All home occupations shall comply with the provisions of the Code.
- 8) No home occupation shall be conducted between the hours of 10:00 pm. and 7:00 am. unless said occupation is contained entirely within the principal building, excluding attached garage space.

b. Requirements-Permitted Home Occupations.

- 1) No person other than those who customarily reside on the premises shall be employed except as provided for in Section 300:143.6. Residents working from home who have an office elsewhere are exempt from these provisions.
- 2) The general public shall not come to the premises in question for purposes pertaining to the conduct of the home occupation.
- 3) All permitted home occupations shall be conducted entirely within the principal dwelling, attached garage space, or in an accessory building. No exterior operations shall be allowed unless the home occupation utilizes the same equipment or operations found as part of the permitted use for the property.

- c. Requirements-Special Home Occupation.
- 1) No person other than a resident shall conduct the home occupation.
  - 2) Special home occupations shall be limited to only those activities of a non-residential nature which are specified as allowed by state statute or regulation such as day care group nursery or which comply with Sections a and b above (except for b.2).
  - 3) Special home occupations may be allowed to accommodate their parking demand through utilization of on-street parking. In such cases where on-street parking facilities are necessary, however, the Township Board of Supervisors shall maintain the right to establish the maximum number when and where changing conditions require additional review.
  - 4) The general public shall be permitted to come to the premises in questions for purposes pertaining to the conduct of the home occupation


**SECTION 2.** The Planning Commission of Princeton Township held a public hearing at their April 5, 2021 meeting, took comments from the public, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve amendments to Chapter 401, Zoning Ordinance as it relates to amending Section 300:143 pertaining to home occupation and adding a two-tier process for review and approvals.

**SECTION 3.** The Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township held first reading of this Ordinance at their April 20, 2021 meeting and second reading at their May 18, 2021 meeting.

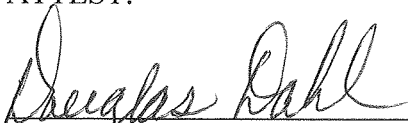
**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township.

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP

  
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Eugene Stoeckel, Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Douglas Dahl, Town Clerk