

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 25-2-900 AND 25-10-3 OF THE CITY CODE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 25-10-156 RELATING TO HOME OCCUPATION SIGNS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 25-2-900(J) (*Home Occupations*) is amended to read:

- (J) Advertising a home occupation by a sign on the premises is prohibited, except as provided under Section 25-10-156 (*Home Occupation Signs*). Advertising the street address of a home occupation through signs, billboards, television, radio, or newspapers is prohibited.

**PART 2.** City Code Section 25-10-3 (*Definitions*) is amended to add new definitions of “Core Transit Corridor” and “Future Core Transit Corridor” to read as follows and to renumber the remaining definitions accordingly:

- (3) CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR means a roadway designated under “Core Transit Corridors” in Article 5 of Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E (*Design Standards and Mixed Use*).
- (4) FUTURE CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR means a roadway designated under “Core Transit Corridors, Future” in Article 5 of Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E (*Design Standards and Mixed Use*).

**PART 3.** City Code Chapter 25-10 (*Sign Regulations*) is amended to add a new Section 25-10-156 to read:

**§ 25-10-156 HOME OCCUPATION SIGNS.**

- (A) A home occupation that is allowed under Section 25-2-900 (*Home Occupations*) may display one on-premise sign bearing the name of the home occupation if the following requirements are met:
- (1) The principal structure associated with the home occupation must directly front a Core Transit Corridor or Future Core Transit Corridor.
- (2) The home occupation sign:
- (a) may not exceed nine square feet in area and three feet in height, as measured from the lower of natural or finished grade adjacent to the principal structure; and

- (b) if an electric home occupation sign is used, the sign must be:
- (a) non-illuminated or externally illuminated;
  - (b) energy efficient, as determined by Austin Energy; and
  - (c) compliant with International Dark Sky standards for pollution reduction.

(B) A home occupation sign permitted under this section must be removed if the home occupation ceases or fails to comply with the requirements of this section or Section 25-2-900 (*Home Occupations*).

**PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Lee Leffingwell  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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