

**ORDINANCE NO. 20090827-032**

**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 home occupation sign and the principal structure associated with the home occupation must both directly front a Core Transit Corridor or Future Core Transit Corridor.
- (2) The home occupation sign may not exceed:
- (a) for a sign that is placed on or attached directly to the ground, six [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; or

- (b) for a sign attached to a monopole of four feet in height and up to 12 inches in diameter, three [eight] square feet in area and four feet in height, with the height of both the pole and the sign [as] measured from the lower of natural or finished grade adjacent to the principal structure.

(3) 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 to be used or fails to comply with the requirements of this section or Section 25-2-900 (*Home Occupations*).

**PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on September 7, 2009.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Lee Leffingwell  
Mayor

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City Attorney

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