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In 2022, Byram Township adopted an ordinance to allow Cottage Food Operators as permitted home businesses.

If you are interested in becoming a licensed Cottage Food Operator, you must:

1) Go to the state website to understand the permit requirements.

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cottagefood/>

2) Contact us to ensure your address has no restrictions on Cottage Food Operations

3) Read the township ordinance §240-21.1 sections A and B. <https://ecode360.com/6654997>

Section B outlines specific performance standards that must be followed at your location:

[§ 240-21.1. Home occupations.](#)

[Added 9-7-1993 by Ord. No. 5-1993]

A.

Where permitted, home occupations shall comply with the following restrictions:

(1)

No more than two nonresident employees shall occupy the premises at any given time.

(2)

All parking required to support the home occupation must be available on site.

(3)

There shall be no outside storage of materials.

(4)

No more than 1/2 the floor area of one story of the dwelling shall be devoted to such use.

(5)

Permitted home occupations include cottage food operations, the office or studio of a doctor, physician, surgeon, dentist, teacher, artist, lawyer, accountant, photographer, architect, engineer, planner or like professional person residing on the premises or such other business which, in the opinion of the Planning Board, meets the performance standards for home occupation.

[Amended 5-3-2022 by Ord. No. 006-2022]

B.

Performance standards. No home occupation shall be conducted in a manner to detract from the residential character of the neighborhood. Specifically, there shall be no:

(1)

Excessive paving required.

(2)

Significant security lighting required.

(3)

Signage beyond one two-square-foot sign affixed to the residence.

(4)

Unusual traffic flows.

(5)

Noise, odor, dust or other nuisance detectable at the property line.

4) A Zoning permit is not required.

-Once your state license is approved, please email us a copy of that approval

- Send us all details describing the planned operation on email at zoning@byramtwp.org

5) You should be aware of all state guidelines with respect to inspections

NOTE: if we receive complaints that the Cottage Food Operator is not following the performance standards outlined in §240-21.1 Section B, a Notice of Violation will be issued.

If you have any questions, please contact the zoning office at zoning@byramtwp.org or 973-347-2500 ext. 131.

Respectfully yours,



Nick Cutrone

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer