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BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS-02019

September 1, 1970.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Dept. of the Attorney General  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: Request for approval of  
amendments to Zoning By-Laws

Gentlemen:

I hereby certify that the following amendments to the Bellingham Zoning By-Laws were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting held March 20, 1970:

Article 16. Voted unanimously: That the Town amend Section 1322 Special Permits of the Bellingham Zoning By-Laws by adding the following at the end thereof:

Special Permits shall normally be granted where specific provisions of this bylaw are met, except when conditions peculiar to the particular site or vicinity (and not true generally of land similarly zoned) or peculiar to the particular proposed use (and not true generally of such uses) or peculiar to the specific design (and not inherent in the use) would cause granting of such permit to be to the detriment of the public interest because:

- a) it appears that the intent of the performance standards of Section 3400 or other requirements of this bylaw cannot be or will not be met, or
- b) traffic generated, or patterns of access and egress would cause congestion, hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character, or
- c) the continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning Bylaw would be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use, or
- d) nuisance or hazard would be created or
- e) for other reasons, the specific proposal derogates from the intent and purpose of this bylaw.

Article 19. Billboards. Voted unanimously: That the Town revise Section 3513 by deleting in its entirety, and substituting the following:

"3513. No non-accessory sign or billboard shall be erected except as allowed under Section 3533."

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Article 17. Voted unanimously: That the Town amend the Bellingham Zoning By-Laws as follows:

1. Amend Section IV, Definitions, revising the definition of "Home Occupation," to read as follows:

"Home Occupation: A business or profession engaged in within a dwelling by a resident thereof as a use accessory thereto."

2. Revise Section 2400, Use Regulations Schedule, by revising the row "Home Occupation" to read as follows:

"Home Occupation	A	R	M	B	T
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\*See Section 3100."

3. Amend Section 3100 to read as follows:

"3100 Home Occupations

3110 Home occupations are permitted only if conforming to the following conditions:

a) No more than twenty-five percent of the floor area of the residence shall be used for the purpose of the home occupation.

b) Not more than one person not a member of the household shall be employed on the premises in the home occupation.

c) There shall be no exterior display, no exterior storage of materials, no outside parking of commercial vehicles, and no other exterior indication of the home occupation or other variation from the residential character of the principal building other than an unlighted sign not to exceed one square foot in area.

d) No offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat or glare shall be produced (see Section 3400).

e) Traffic generated shall not exceed volumes normally expected in a residential neighborhood.

f) The parking generated shall be accommodated off-street, other than in a required front yard, and shall not occupy more than 35% of lot area.

3120. The following home occupations are permitted without necessity of Special Permit:

The professions of medicine, dentistry, law, architecture and engineering; machine, woodworking, metals, art or photo shop; domestic work such as dressmaking, millinery, and clothes washing; teaching and exercise of professional skills in music, dramatics, arts and crafts, and academic pursuits; real estate and insurance offices; inside storage of tradesman's materials and equipment; or beauty parlor or barber shop; and accountant.

3130 Home occupations other than the above but having similar attributes may be allowed on Special Permit from the Board of Appeals.

3140 Commercial stables or kennels or sale of articles not produced on the premises shall not be allowed as home occupations.

4. Amend Section 3531 to read as follows:

3531. One sign for each family residing on the premises indicating the owner or occupant or pertaining to a permitted accessory use, provided that no sign shall exceed one square foot in area."