

Concerning the business in question, staff has attempted to provide the following responses to the Standards for Home Occupations as excerpted from Section 5.01.02 contained in the ULDC. As follows:

- A. *All home occupations shall have a business license from Lowndes County.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: The business establishment has been issued a Lowndes County Tax Registration.
- B. *Employees of the home occupation shall be limited to the residents of the dwelling.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: Regarding employees, the Lowndes County Zoning office has set the tone for allowing the home occupation as long as the gathering of employees is not engaged on the residential property as a means to keep the integrity of the residential property. According to the business owner, no employee engages in business activities at the residence. Furthermore, because of the type of work this business is engaged i.e. carried out away from the residence, the only business engagements that are carried out on the residential property is conducted by the residents of the dwelling.
- C. *The home occupation shall be clearly incidental to the residential use of the dwelling.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: The home occupation and the equipment used are incidental and accessory to the residence.
- D. *The use of the dwelling for a home occupation shall not change the residential character of the building.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: The use of the dwelling and its character has not changed.
- E. *No internal or external alterations which are inconsistent with the residential use or character of the dwelling shall be permitted.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: No internal or external alterations have been made to the residential use or character of the dwelling.
- F. *Products for sale or use in the home occupation shall not be visible from the street.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: To our knowledge, there are no products for sale or products for use that are visible from the street.
- G. *Use of a dwelling for a home occupation shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of one (1) floor of the dwelling.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: To our knowledge, the use of the dwelling for the occupation do not exceed 25% of the floor area.
- H. *The home occupation shall not constitute a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood, as evidenced by the use of machinery or equipment that produces noise, smoke, odor, vibration, electrical interference, or other objectionable condition beyond the property line of the lot on which the home occupation is located.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: Currently, the use of the home occupation's machinery or equipment no longer produces a nuisance. Previously, there were complaints filed that targeted the unsightliness of the property as evidenced through outside storage of equipment. The subject property no longer has outside storage of their equipment. (unpleasant, offensive, offending good taste/manners)
- I. *Outside storage of materials used in connection with a home occupation is prohibited.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: To our knowledge, the subject property no longer has outside storage of materials used in connection with the home occupation.
- J. *A home occupation shall not be conducted in an accessory building; however, storage of materials is permissible.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: To our knowledge, the home occupation is not being conducted in an accessory structure.
- K. *Up to two (2) commercial vehicles may be used in connection with the home occupation, provided that such vehicles are parked only in the rear yard.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: To our knowledge, there are only 2 commercial vehicles being used in connection with the home occupation and parked in the rear yard.
- L. *No business shall be conducted between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.*
STAFF'S RESPONSE: To our knowledge, the home occupation complies with the hours of operation.
- M. *Only one wall (1) sign shall be permissible in associated with the home occupation. The sign shall comply with the following standards:*
 1. *The sign shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in area;*
 2. *The sign shall be motionless.***STAFF'S RESPONSE: To our knowledge, there are no signs on any wall of the dwelling unit on the property that advertises the home occupation.**

With these responses in mind and after care thought and consideration, staff has determined that the "home occupation" that has been approved to be located at 5310 Tucker Road, is incidental and accessory to the principal residential use and meets the ULDC's intent and purpose.