



Town of Dighton

BUILDING INSPECTOR

979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA 02715
Telephone (508) 669-4524

*Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Town of Dighton
979 Somerset Ave.
Dighton, MA 02715*

Dear Mr. Aguiar:

This letter is being submitted as a request for a home-based business permit as outlined:

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE#: _____

BUSINESS TYPE: _____

PROPERTY OWNERS: _____

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: _____

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____

CUSTOMER CONTACT: _____

LIST HOW THE BUSINESS WILL BE ADVERTISED: _____

(SEE ATTACHED LAW REGARDING HOME BUSINESSES)

SIGNATURE: _____ PRINT: _____

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**ZONING BY LAWS
OF THE
TOWN OF DIGHTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

APPROVED
INCORPORATING SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS THROUGH TOWN MEETING
CONCLUDED June 2011

The following by-laws, having been adopted by the Town on June 7, 2011, and approved by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on September 1, 2011, supersede the original Zoning Laws approved in June 2009 and the amendments thereto.

DIGHTON PLANNING BOARD

David Araujo Chairman
Robert Boughner, Vice-Chairman
Heidi Swist, Clerk
Stephen Gilbert, Member
Bruce Murphy, Member

2340. Home Occupations as of Right. Businesses or professions incidental to and customarily associated with the principal residential use of premises may be engaged in as an accessory use by a resident of that dwelling; provided, however, that all of the following conditions shall be satisfied:

2341. The occupation or profession shall be carried on wholly within the principal building or within a building or other structure accessory thereto which has been in existence at least five (5) years, without extension thereof.

2342. Not more than thirty (30%) percent of the combined floor-area of the residence and any qualified accessory structures shall be used in the home occupation; provided, however, that no exterior alteration of the building shall be permitted to accommodate the home occupation.

2343. No person not a member of the household shall be employed on the premises in the home occupation.

2344. The home occupation shall not serve clients, customers, pupils, salespersons, or the like on the premises.

2345. There shall be no sign, exterior display, no exterior storage of materials, and no other exterior indication of the home occupation, or other variation from the residential character of the premises.

2346. No disturbance shall be caused; nor shall the home occupation use or store hazardous materials in quantities greater than associated with normal household use.

2347. Traffic generated shall not exceed volumes normally expected in a residential neighborhood.

2350. Home Occupations by Special Permit. Businesses or professions incidental to and customarily associated with the principal residential use of premises may be engaged in as an accessory use by a resident of that dwelling upon the issuance of a special permit by the Board of Appeals; provided, however, that all of the following conditions shall be satisfied:

2351. All of the requirements of §§2341, 2342, and 2347.

2352. Not more than three (3) persons not a member of the household shall be employed on the premises in the home occupation.

2353. The visibility of exterior storage of materials and other exterior indications of the home occupation, or other variation from the residential character of the premises, shall be minimized through screening and other appropriate devices. Signs advertising the home occupation shall not exceed one square foot in area.

2354. Parking generated by the home occupation shall be accommodated off-street, other than in a required front yard.

2355. No disturbance, as defined in §3410, shall be caused. The use or storage of hazardous materials in quantities greater than associated with normal household use shall be subject to design requirements to protect against discharge to the environment.



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Dighton*

Business Certificate

In conformity with the provisions of Chapter 110, Section 5 of the General Laws and Amendments thereto notice is hereby given that the business of

(NAME OF BUSINESS) _____

Is located at (address) _____ in Dighton Massachusetts, by the following person(s), entity, partnership, or corporation.

Business Owner's Full Name (s):

Business Owner's Address

(Telephone#)

Signature(s):

Subscribed and sworn to before me at _____ AM/PM on (DATE) _____ 20____

NEW.....

AMENDED.....

WITHDRAWAL.....

RENEWAL.....

RESTRICTED TO HOME OFFICE ONLY.....

Town Clerk - Assistant Town Clerk
Notary Public

Received at the Town Clerk's Office _____ 20____ At _____ AM/PM

Zoning Approval _____ Date _____ 20____
BUILDING INSPECTOR

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 337 OF THE ACTS OF 1985 AND CHAPTER 110, SECTIONS 5 & 6 OF THE GENERAL LAWS.

CERTIFICATE EXPIRES _____ (FOUR YEARS FROM DATE FILED)

(TOWN SEAL)

(FILING FEE - \$40.00)

TOWN CLERK/DESIGNEE

TOWN OF DIGHTON

BUSINESS CERTIFICATE APPLICANTS

Before you are legally entitled to conduct business activity, you are required to confer with the Zoning & Building Official, and you are strongly urged to confer with the Special Permit Granting Authority, and other applicable jurisdictions as required by Massachusetts law; i.e., Board of Health, Conservation Commission and/or inspectors of wiring, plumbing, sanitation. It is also strongly recommended that you confer with competent legal counsel and your insurance agent at the outset.

After the Zoning & Building Official signs his approval below, the Business Certificate will be issued to fulfill requirements of your business activity as a notice to the public that you are about to operate a business and to notify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the same or similar purposes.



Susana Medeiros
Town Clerk

Signature of Zoning & Building Official: _____ Date: _____

Residential Zone – Home Office Only

Business Zone - _____

Signature of Recipient: _____ Date: _____

HOW DO I OBTAIN A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE?

1. Obtain all paperwork for Business Certificate from the Office of the Town Clerk, located in the Town Hall.
2. Fill out the Zoning Approval Form and submit to James Aguiar, Zoning Enforcement Official for his review and approval. Mr. Aguiar is located in the Building Office in the Town Hall. 508-669-4524
3. If the application is approved the applicant may fill out the Business Certificate Form and file it with the office of the Town Clerk, Fee: \$40.00 (Checks made payable to the Town of Dighton.)
4. The Town Clerk's Office will process the application and the applicant will receive a certified copy.
5. At any time during the life of the Certificate there is a change of name, address, or other circumstance that may affect its validity, please contact the Town Clerk's Office. If the Business is discontinued, a statement of Discontinuance must be filled out and filed with the Town Clerk's Office. Fee: \$10.00 (Checks made payable to the Town of Dighton.)
6. The business certificate only entitles the business to register with the Town of Dighton. It in no way authorizes or waives any provisions of the Town of Dighton Bylaws.
7. The forms must be signed by all parties in the presence of the Town Clerk's Office.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO MUST FILE?

- In conformity with the provisions of Chapter 110, Section 5 of Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, you are required to have a Business Certificate if you are doing business under any name other than your own.

HOW LONG IS A BUSINESS CERTIFICATE IN EFFECT?

- Business certificates shall be in effect for four (4) years from the date of issue and shall be renewed each four (4) years thereafter. A statement under oath must be filed with the Town Clerk upon discontinuing, retiring, or withdrawing from such business or partnership.

ARE COPIES AVAILABLE?

- Copies of such certificates shall be available at the address at which such business is conducted and shall be furnished on request during regular business hours to any person who has purchased goods or services from such business.

IS THERE A FINE?

- Violators are subject to a fine of not more than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for each month during which such violation continues.