



2009 Land Use Update — Video Seminar Series

Session 4 — Zoning For Home Based Businesses

Date

Thursday, September 10, 2009, 6:00-8:00 p.m. CST.

Location

Purdue Extension, LaPorte County Office

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Overview

Computer and communications technology advancements, growing concern about the price of gasoline and environmental effects of commuting, and a struggling economy have spurred growing interest in entrepreneurship and the creation of home based businesses. These trends have community leaders scratching their heads about the appropriate balance between these new businesses and the residential character of neighborhoods. In many cases, regulations written to manage these uses are old and do not address current types of home businesses or the issues that accompany them. Join us for a discussion of this important local planning issue.

Specific topics will include:

- What planning issues come with current home based businesses? What neighborhood conflicts may arise? Do they require additional community services?
- What state statutes govern the local regulation of these businesses?
- How should communities regulate them? What elements should be addressed within zoning regulations? Is licensing appropriate?
- What is the relationship between private covenants and home-based businesses?
- How can communities administer and enforce regulations effectively? What are common problems with the enforcement of home-based businesses?
- Are there any legal or constitutional pitfalls to look out for in dealing with home based businesses?

Speakers

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