

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Development Services Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: DSD Associates
FROM: Florencio Peña, Director and Building Official
DATE: November 8, 2005
FILE: Code Interpretations Manual

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2006-03

TITLE: Home Occupancies Wiring Method.

CODE/EDITION: Chapter 10 of City Code
2003 International Building Code as amended by COSA
Unified Development Code
2002 National Electrical Code

SECTION(S): Section 10-93 (3)a
Section 303.1.1 (IBC)
Section 35-375 and 35-380
Section 517.13

PURPOSE: To clarify when an existing residential structure will need to have the electrical system re-wired in commercial raceways when that structure is used for a home occupancy.

QUESTION: Is it a requirement to convert the existing electrical wiring to commercial approved raceways when applying to use an existing residence for a Home Occupation?

ANSWER: No. Although there is code language that addresses having all wiring in approved raceways in Chapter 10 Section 10-93 (3)a of the City Code, it is interpreted that this be applied to commercially zoned installations and for businesses that do not fall into the guidelines and rules found within the Unified Development Code. The allowance of existing residential wiring methods consisting of NM and SE Cable would be allowed provided no major modifications are made to the structure and the property retains its residential zoning. This interpretation is in accordance with **Information Bulletin 105**.



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