

Section 300-202 of our ordinances defines Home Occupation

An occupation or profession which is carried on in a residential dwelling unit ~~or structure~~  
~~accessory to the dwelling unit:~~

- A. Is clearly incidental to and compatible with the use of the dwelling for residential purposes;
- B. Occupies no more than 30% of the floor area of all structures on the property;
- C. Does not change the outside appearance of the dwelling unit or premises;
- D. Is conducted entirely within the dwelling unit or accessory structure; ~~and~~
- E. Employs no more than two persons other than family members residing in the home; and
- F. Is not open to the public.

# *Memorandum*

**To:** William R. Bridgeo, City Manager

**From:** Chief Robert C. Gregoire

**Date:** April 11, 2016

**Re: 2016 COPS Hiring Program**

We have discussed a federal grant that will allow our City the opportunity to hire one (1) additional police officer. The grant funding will cover 75% of the approved entry level salary and fringe of the newly hired officer for three (3) years. The city will be responsible for a 25% cash match. The intention of the grant is continue our efforts in combating the opiate crisis facing our community.

Last year city council approved two (2) detective positions to combat drug dealing and drug related crimes in our community. We have also partnered with several social service organizations to develop and implement a referral program to assist people addicted to drugs to get treatment, the Capitol Recovery Program. This year we have partnered with Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and have a full time agent assigned to the Augusta office with the focus on drugs in Augusta.

As we all know a multi-prong approach is needed to effectively combat drug use and abuse. My intentions for the officer hired by the 2016 COPS Hiring Program is to have a full time office dedicated to an education program in the schools to reduce the drug use and abuse.

Please consider placing this item on an upcoming council agenda for discussion.