



Home Child Care Facilities

Do you know Fairfax County's rules about home child care?

- ◆ Article 10-103(6) of the Zoning Ordinance regulates home child care facilities.
- ◆ The following limitations apply to home child care facilities:
 - ◆ The maximum number of children permitted at one time (not to include the provider's own children) shall be as follows:
 - ◆ Seven (7) when such facility is located in a single family detached dwelling.
 - ◆ Five (5) when such facility is located in a single family attached, multiple family, or mobile home dwelling.
 - ◆ The location of the home child care facility must be either:
 - ◆ The primary residence of the licensed or permitted child care provider OR
 - ◆ The primary residence of at least one of the children being cared for by a non-resident provider. In this case the maximum number of children may attend.
 - ◆ The licensed or permitted provider shall be on the premises while the child care facility is in operation, except for emergencies.
 - ◆ There shall be no exterior evidence, including signs, that the property is used in any way other than as a dwelling, except for play equipment.
 - ◆ Only one (1) nonresident person, whether paid or not for their services, may also be involved in the child care use on the property. The hours of such attendance for this non-resident person shall be limited to 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
 - ◆ Special Permits (SP) or Special Exceptions (SE) may be obtained to increase the number of children permitted, to involve more than one non-resident person, or to change the permitted hours of attendance for the non-resident person.
 - ◆ For information on SPs and SEs, please call Zoning Evaluation Branch 703-324-1290



To report a possible violation OR for more information contact:

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To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published January 2017) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.