



parents & child care home providers

Sioux Falls Zoning Ordinance Section 15 requires the following:



Any Family Day Care (homes with 7–12 children) is required to have a permit. Applicants have the option of applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) or applying for a Permitted Special Use (PSU).



Because there are two options with Zoning, Conditional Use Permits (CUP) and Permitted Special Uses (PSU) in all residential districts, providers should decide if they want to go through the public hearing process (CUP) or the neighborhood petition process (PSU).



Zoning regulations are intended to preserve and protect existing property uses and values against adverse and unharmonious adjacent uses, as well as to promote health and general welfare.

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Child Care providers with less than 12 children also need to be registered with the Sioux Falls Health Department [(605) 367-8760].



Day cares should have a safe, healthy environment for the children as their primary importance. Day care centers and family day cares shall be located in areas where an adequate, safe, and fenced playground with sufficient green areas can be provided, where pickup and drop-off areas will provide a safe access to the use, and in areas where such uses will be convenient for their clients.



Every provider will need to provide documentation that they occupy the home as a primary residence and the day care use will be a secondary use, hours of operation of the facility, a site plan of their property showing the outdoor play areas, and drop-off and pickup areas.



For Permitted Special Uses, a petition of support signed by 75 percent of registered property owners within 250 feet of the subject property for the day care use is required; for Conditional Uses, one public hearing is required at Planning Commission.



Granting of the permit is by property and stays with the property; the permit does not need to be completed annually. Documentation submitted to the City goes into your property file, which is available upon request by other citizens.



Help is available by contacting the Zoning Office at 367-8254 or www.siouxfalls.org.

