

# DAY CARES

This brochure is designed to familiarize prospective operators with the requirements for Day Care.

## Definitions

- “day care” means an establishment providing for the care, supervision, protection, or support of individuals of any age who require care or support on a regular, periodic, or temporary basis, and includes child care centres as defined by *The Child Care Act, 2014*, but does not include the provision of overnight supervision.
- “day care, residential” means an accessory use located in a one-unit dwelling, a unit of a two-unit dwelling, a mobile home, a semi-detached dwelling, or a townhouse, where the occupants of the dwelling provide for the care, supervision, protection, or support of individuals of any age who require care or support on a regular, periodic or temporary basis, and includes family child care homes and group family child care homes as defined by *The Child Care Act, 2014*, but does not include the provision of overnight supervision.

## Permitted Day Care

Day Care accessory to a place of worship, school, community centre or community centre conversion are permitted in most residential areas.

Day Care are permitted in the M3, M4, B3, B4, B4A, B4MX, B5, B5B, B5C and B6 Districts and in the FUD District where accessory to a dwelling.

## Discretionary Day Care

Day care not meeting the above requirements and having more than twelve resident and non-resident individuals at any one time in a dwelling are subject to Discretionary Use approval. Discretionary Use Applications are evaluated according to locational and site specific guidelines:

1. Prospective operators should demonstrate that there is a need for the proposed facility, and that it will not adversely affect the enrollment of similar facilities in the immediate area.
2. Facilities should not front along arterial roadways unless:
  - on-site outdoor play spaces, where required are suitably screened or segregated from such roadways;
  - the site offers suitable access that will not impede arterial roadway traffic, and
  - off-street pick-up and drop-off areas are provided.
3. Facilities should not be situated upon sites which may be adversely affected by major roadways, railway lines, fire halls, noxious uses, sloughs and other poorly drained areas, air pollution exposure areas or similar hazards.

## Zoning Bylaw Requirements

Section 5.32 of the Zoning Bylaw lists the following requirements for Day Care:

- Day care may be approved as an accessory use or as a principal use. Day care are not permitted as a principal use in a unit of a two-unit dwelling, semi-detached dwelling, townhouse or a unit of a multiple unit dwelling.
- In any residential district, exterior alterations to a dwelling or former dwelling must be consistent with the residential character of the building or property.
- Day care shall provide at least 7m<sup>2</sup> of outdoor play space for each child present under the age of 13 present in the facility at any one time, and must meet the following requirements. A minimum of 3.5m<sup>2</sup> per child must be located on-site and fenced. The remaining outdoor play space may be located at a nearby location provided that written approval by the Ministry of Education has been given. No outdoor play space is required for facilities which provide care only for persons over the age of 13.

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Potential Day Care operators should also consider the following guidelines:

- Outdoor play space, when required, should be protected by fencing; located in a rear yard unless the particular lot configuration dictates otherwise; and, segregated from any parking, drop-off/pick-up areas or other areas used by vehicular traffic.

### Parking

One parking space plus one additional parking space per ten persons enrolled in the facility is required. Furthermore, one off-street loading space may be required. Required parking spaces may be located in a required front yard. Tandem parking spaces may be permitted where the site has no access to a lane.

### Signage

All signage must meet the Sign Regulations outlined in Appendix A of the Zoning Bylaw.

### Building Permit and Building Code Requirements

In order to verify compliance with safety standards, a building permit may be required prior to the operation of a day care facility in the city. A building permit is also required if a building which either contains a day care facility or in which a day care facility is proposed to be established, is to be altered, expanded or upgraded. For information on Building Code requirements and building permits contact the Building Standards Department at 306-975-2645.

### Child Care Centre Licensing

A business license from the City of Saskatoon is not required for Day Care.

Prospective operators must obtain a license to operate a Child Care Centre from the Provincial Ministry of Education, Early Years Branch.

For information regarding the establishment of Child Care Centres, prospective operators should contact the Ministry of Education, Early Years Branch at 306-933-6071 and the Fire Marshall of Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services at 306-975-3212.

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