





Home Day Care

Do you know about Fairfax County's zoning regulations for home day care?

- Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates home day care facilities.
- The following use standards apply:
 - The maximum number of people under the care of a provider permitted at one time (in addition to the provider's own children) is:
 - Seven children when the facility is located in a single-family detached dwelling.
 - Five children when the facility is located in a single-family attached, stacked townhouse, or multi-family dwelling, or manufactured home.
 - Three persons who are aged or infirm or persons with disabilities receiving supportive services, health monitoring, protection, or supervision during part of a 24-hour day.
 - The location of the home day care facility must either be the primary residence of the home day care provider, OR the primary residence of at least one of the people receiving care on the property from a nonresident care provider.
 - The provider must be on the premises while the home day care facility is in operation, except for emergencies and except that a substitute care provider may operate a home day care facility for a maximum of 240 hours per calendar year.
 - Only one nonresident person, whether paid or not paid for their services, may also be involved in the home day care use on the property at any one time. The hours of the nonresident's involvement are limited to 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
 - Certain limitations above may be modified with special permit or special exception approval, which requires a public hearing. For information on the special permit or special exception process, please call the Zoning Evaluation Division at 703-324-1290, TTY 711.



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 July 2021) summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.