

Section 719.129 – Group Childcare Centers

A. Group childcare centers, including nursery schools, day nurseries, and adult/child care centers, are permitted uses in the AG, R, MH, NB, CB, and GB zoning districts subject to approval by the Planning Commission upon a finding that the plans meet the requirements of this Chapter and the following conditions:

1. All such uses shall provide adequate drop-off and waiting space so that parents' cars are not required to stand in a public right-of-way. At least one (1) drop-off space shall be provided for each five (5) persons or children enrolled or cared for at the facility.
2. Outdoor play space shall be provided in the ratio of one hundred (100) square feet per child cared for to a maximum required of ten thousand (10,000) square feet. No outdoor play area shall be less than one thousand (1,000) square feet. An outdoor recreation area is recommended, but not required, for adult day-care facilities.
3. To ensure child safety, all outdoor use areas shall be enclosed by a 6-foot-high fence of a non-climbable design. On those sides abutting a residential zoning district or use, a 6-foot-high obscuring fence of masonry or other material approved by the Commission shall be required.
4. The site layout shall be designed to ensure pedestrian safety by separating play areas from parking and driveways.
5. Overnight and nighttime care after 8 p.m. shall require evidence of compliance with the Michigan Department of Social Services' rules.
6. All day-care facilities shall provide fifty (50) square feet of indoor space for each adult or child in their care, based upon their current license and any conditions of their Special Land Use Permit. This space shall be exclusive of space for offices, restrooms, and kitchens.
7. Sufficient on-site parking shall be provided to satisfy the needs of the staff, visitors, and clients of all day-care facilities, but not less than one (1) space for each five (5) people cared for shall be provided on-site.