



## Request for Comments

Case Name: Day Care Home Regulations Amendment  
Case Number: PLN2018-00005

January 12, 2018

The Adams County Community and Economic Development Department is requesting comments on the following case: **Amendment to Chapters 4 and 11 of the Adams County Development Standards and Regulations. The amendment will change the maximum number of children allowed at day care homes from six to twelve.**

For detailed redline mark-ups of the Development Standards and Regulations, please visit the County's website at <http://www.adcogov.org/planning/currentcases>

Please forward any written comments on this application to the Community and Economic Development Department at 4430 South Adams County Parkway, Suite W2000A, Brighton, CO 80601-8216 or call (720) 523-6800 by 02/05/2018 in order that your comments may be taken into consideration in the review of this case. If you would like your comments included verbatim please send your response by way of e-mail to [GJBarnes@adcogov.org](mailto:GJBarnes@adcogov.org).

Once comments have been received and the staff report written, the staff report and notice of public hearing dates may be forwarded to you upon request.

Thank you for your review of this case.

Greg Barnes  
Case Manager

**4-03-03-02-02 DAY CARE CENTERS AND HOMES (ADULT\* AND CHILD)**

1. General

- a. *Licensing:* Day care facilities must be properly licensed by the State of Colorado.
- b. *Drop-Off/Pick-Up Areas:* Day care facilities must provide adequate drop-off and pick-up areas. The required area shall be based upon the maximum number of individuals cared for at a single time. Specifically, there shall be one-hundred-sixty (160) square feet of signed off-road drop-off/pick-up area for every eight individuals. All drop-off space shall meet the requirements of these standards and regulations and be approved by the Director of Community and Economic Development.
- c. *Outdoor Recreation Facilities:* Where outside recreation facilities are provided, a six-foot high sight-obscuring fence around the recreation area shall be required to be maintained and the recreation area shall be situated in the rear half of the site.
- d. *Residential Appearance:* Existing residential structures shall not be significantly modified in appearance.
- e. *Access:* Day care centers shall be located on collector or arterial roads. Day Care Homes may be located on local roads.
- f. *New Construction in Residential Area:* Any new construction allowed in an agricultural or residential zone district for the operation of a day care center shall substantially resemble a conventional single-family dwelling.

2. Child Day Care Home

- a. *Maximum Number of Children not Attending School Fulltime:* The maximum number of children shall be ~~six (6)~~ **twelve (12)**, including the caretaker's children under sixteen (16) years of age not attending full-day school.

~~b. *Additional Children:* Day care may be provided to no more than two (2) additional children of school age, either before or after school hours, and on days during the regular school year when school is not in session, such as conference days and holidays, but not including summer vacations.~~

3. *Adult Day Care Home* **\*Adopted by the BoCC on December 13, 2010**

- a. *Maximum Number of Adults:* Elderly day care homes shall be permitted as an accessory use, provided the maximum number of elderly persons receiving care, protection, and supervision in any such home shall not exceed four (4) at any given time.

- b. *Criminal Background Investigation*: The Adams County Sheriff's Office shall complete a Criminal Background Investigation and shall issue identification cards to all employees/operators.
- c. *Annual Reporting*: The applicant/operator shall provide an annual report for review by the Director of Community and Economic Development and the Adams County Sheriff's Office. Reports shall include recertification of any education requirements, revised Criminal Background Investigation, and issuance of identification cards to any new employees.

**11-02-137 DAY CARE CENTER, CHILD**

An establishment for the care and supervision of more than ~~eight (8)~~twelve (12) children for periods of less than twenty-four (24) hours per day. Day care centers include preschools and nursery schools.

\*Adopted by the BOCC on December 13, 2010.

**11-02-139 DAY CARE HOME, CHILD**

A private residence used for the care of ~~eight (8)~~twelve (12) or fewer children other than the occupant's own children for a period of less than twenty-four (24) hours per day. The operator must possess a license from the Colorado Department of Social Services.

\*Adopted by the BOCC on December 13, 2010.