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# LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES



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**LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** may be established in appropriate zoning districts in the City of Stockton, provided an Administrative Use Permit is secured. See Planning Division staff for help with the Administrative Use Permit and preparation of the required site plan and floor plan.

**MINIMUM STANDARDS** for large family child care homes accommodating nine (9) to fourteen (14) children, including children under ten (10) years of age who may reside in the home:

- 1) The building must be the principal residence of the licensed provider and the use of the property as a child care home is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the property as a residence;
- 2) Must be licensed by the State of California as a large family child care home.
- 3) At least two (2) of the children are at least six (6) years of age and no more than three (3) infants are cared for during any time when more than twelve (12) children are being cared for.
- 4) May not be located within five hundred (500) feet of another licensed large family child care home or child care center.
- 5) Must provide an off-street parking space for each employee and provide a separate, off-street parking space for drop-off/pick up. All spaces shall meet the size requirements for parking spaces in the parking lot development standards.
- 6) Facilities within residential zoning districts may only operate up to 14 hours for each day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and may only conduct outdoor activities between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- 7) Residences located on through streets ([Stockton Municipal Code \(SMC\) Section 10.04.260](#)) classified as a collector or arterial must provide a drop-off/pick-up area that does not require backing into the street.
- 8) Play areas must be enclosed by a minimum four (4) foot high fence and pools must be enclosed by a five (5) foot high fence.
- 9) The facility must comply with standards established by the City Fire Department.

Note: The [Building Division](#) and [Fire Prevention](#) should also be contacted as to any structural and Fire Safety requirements related to structures used for Large Family Child Care Homes.

Any deviation from these standards may require a variance approved by the City Planning Commission.

**Note:** The City encourages any person(s) proposing a Large Family Child Care Home to contact their neighbors and/or homeowners association in an effort to avoid or resolve potential problems with the project prior to filing a Use Permit application with the City.

