

Chapter 19.290**DAY CARE CENTERS - CHILD**

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19.290.010 Purpose.

The purpose of establishing child day care center regulations is to implement State law with regard to the provision of child care centers as defined by the California Health and Safety Code Section 1596.76, to ensure compatibility of such uses with surrounding uses and properties and to avoid any impacts associated with such uses. (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

19.290.020 Applicability and Permit Requirements.

Day care centers, as defined in Article X (Definitions), are permitted as set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions subject to the requirements contained in this Chapter. (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

19.290.030 Site Location, Operation and Development Standards.

The standards set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions, shall apply to child day care centers unless otherwise specified here.

A. Site Location Standards

1. All such facilities shall have direct access to a public street with adequate access to a collector or arterial street system.
2. All such facilities shall be located at least 600 feet away from an existing child day care center, as measured from the property line.

B. Operation and Development Standards

1. The applicant has or will obtain all licenses and permits required by State law for operation of the facility. The applicant shall keep all State licenses or permits valid and current.
2. The center shall meet all zoning standards otherwise applicable to the project site.
3. Indoor and outdoor play areas that satisfy the requirements of the State daycare licensing agency shall be provided. The outdoor play area shall be adjacent to the center and accessible through the center itself. The outdoor play area shall be enclosed by a natural barrier, wall or fence a minimum of five feet in height. If located adjacent to residentially zoned property, the separating barrier, wall, or fence shall be of solid construction. Said outdoor play area shall not be allowed in any required front, side or rear yard setbacks and shall be located and designed so as to reduce noise impacts on adjacent properties.
4. Parking shall not be located in any required front yard setback. An adequate on-site loading/unloading area shall be provided that can be easily accessed from

the child day care center without crossing any driveways or streets. This area may be counted toward the required parking. Clearly designated pedestrian walkways shall be provided.

5. Shared parking arrangements may be used subject to the requirements of Chapter 19.580 (Parking and Loading).
6. All such facilities shall have screened and buffered outdoor play and activity areas from adjacent uses and shall comply with the City's noise regulations, as set forth in Chapter 19.590 (Performance Standards) and [Title 7](#) of the Riverside Municipal Code to minimize noise impacts.
7. The pick-up and drop-off of children from vehicles shall only be permitted on the site's driveway or parking area. A facility with access from an arterial street, as designated by the General Plan, must provide a paved drop-off/pick-up area designed with on-site parking and maneuvering to allow vehicles to pick-up/drop-off children and exit the site without backing out onto the arterial street.
8. Any additional conditions regarding safety and access deemed necessary or desirable by the City Engineer, Fire Marshal, Zoning Administrator, or Building Official. (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

19.290.040 Variances.

Variances may be granted only from the provision of paragraphs A2 (distancing requirements) and B 4 (parking and loading locations) of Section 19.290.030 above. (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)