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CHILD CARE CENTERS



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CHILD CARE CENTERS may be established in appropriate zoning districts in the City of Stockton, provided an Use Permit is secured. See Community Development staff for help with the Use Permit and preparation of the required site plan and floor plan.

MINIMUM STANDARDS - A child care center that accommodates 15 or more children is subject to the following minimum standards:

- 1) Minimum lot size - 8,000 square feet.
- 2) One off-street parking spaces per employee, plus a drop-off area, together with additional surfaced area of sufficient size to accommodate off-street loading/unloading. The area used for parking shall not be used for as a playground.
- 3) 30-foot minimum separation between the main assembly hall of the center and abutting residential zoned properties.
- 4) The facility shall not be located within 500 feet of another licensed large family child care home or child care center.
- 5) Six-foot high solid fence, plus three-foot wide planter adjacent to the wall/fence having a dense hedge of evergreen shrubs a minimum of 15-gallons in size at time of planting.
- 6) One sign identifying the use, not exceeding one square foot of sign per two linear feet of structure.
- 7) Wherever possible, locate in existing institutional facilities and/or along major streets.
- 8) Provide 35 square feet of indoor play space and 75 square feet of designated fenced outdoor play area for each child. Enclose pools with a five-foot fence.
- 9) Unless approved as a 24-hour facility, hours of operation shall be confined between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. In no case shall an individual child stay for a continuous period of 24-hours or more.

Child Care Center Application can be obtained by visiting website at www.stocktonca.gov/planningpermits

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

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

Note: The City encourages any person(s) proposing a Child Care Center 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.

