



# Roseville Fire Department

## Fire & Life Safety Division

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### Fire & Life Safety Standard

**Title: Large Family Day Care**

**Note:** *This standard is a summary of Roseville Fire Department clarifications of City and State Codes. Information contained herein applies to typical circumstances and may not address all situations.*

#### PURPOSE

This standard was developed with safety as the principle objective, pursuant to the California Fire Code (CFC) Section: 104.1 General Authority and Responsibilities. The fire code official is authorized to render interpretations of the CFC, and to adopt policies, procedures, rules and regulations in order to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies, procedures, rules and regulations shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of the CFC and shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in the CFC.

#### SCOPE

This standard shall apply to Large Family Day Cares and they shall be designed in accordance with the CFC and the applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

#### REQUIREMENTS

STEP 1: Contact Community Care Licensing for application.

STEP 2: Contact the City of Roseville Planning Department to obtain an Administrative Use Permit. You must provide a proof of zone clearance from the planning department to operate a large family day care at a single family dwelling.

STEP 3: Contact the City of Roseville Building Department to inquire about permit requirements for an electrical permit or if you plan to do residential improvement work.

#### **Planning & Building Department**

311 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678

Planning: (916) 774-5276 / Building: (916) 774-5332

STEP 4: The Fire & Life Safety Division will contact the applicant when the Fire and Life Safety 850 Form is received from Community Care Licensing. An appointment for a fire safety inspection will be scheduled at this time. No inspections will be performed by the Fire & Life Safety Division prior to this process. After the inspection is complete and any violations are corrected, a permit to operate will be issued.

#### GENERAL

1. Evacuation plans shall include the following:
  - Site address
  - Floor plan/site map
  - Escape route
  - Meeting place outside the home
  - Emergency number 9-1-1



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2. Evacuation plans shall be posted near the exits to the home.
3. Fire drills shall be conducted once a month. A fire drill log shall be maintained and be readily available that shows the fire drills for the past 12 months.

### **ACCESS & EGRESS**

1. The property address shall be placed on the residence as to be plainly visible from the street or road fronting the property.
2. Every story or basement of a large family day care home shall be provided with two exits which are remotely located from each other. A manually operated horizontal sliding glass door may be used as one of the two required exits.
3. Exit doors, including manually operated horizontal sliding doors, shall be operable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort. With the exception of sliding doors, the unlatching of any door or leaf shall not require more than one operation. This requirement can be satisfied with the use of interconnected hardware on any required exit door. Interconnected hardware simultaneously retracts both bolt and latch, allowing a single motion egress. Remove or disable all other types of locks. Screen doors shall be maintained and operable without difficulty and the locking mechanism shall be removed.
4. Gates from the rear yard shall open freely and be clear of any obstruction.
5. There shall be a landing or floor on each side of each exterior door. The width of each landing shall not be less than the door served. Every landing shall have a minimum dimension of 36 inches measured in the direction of travel. Exterior landings shall be permitted to have a slope not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent).

### **FIRE PROTECTION**

1. The residence shall be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum 2A:10BC rating. Fire extinguishers shall be located in a conspicuous location and shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. Extinguishers shall be serviced annually.
2. Large family day care homes shall be equipped with State Fire Marshal approved and listed single station residential type smoke alarms. The number and placement of smoke alarms shall be determined by the enforcement authority, but are typically located in all sleeping rooms and hallways leading to these rooms.
3. Existing dwellings or sleeping units that have attached garages or fuel burning appliances shall be provided with a carbon monoxide alarm. Carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed and approved by the California State Fire Marshal.
4. Every large family day care home shall be provided with at least one manual fire alarm box at a location approved by the authority having jurisdiction. Such device shall actuate a fire alarm signal, which shall be audible throughout the facility at a minimum level of 15 decibels above ambient noise level. Such device or devices shall be attached to the structure and must be a device that is listed and approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. (Contact Building Department for electrical permit or verify alarm system is a low voltage, UL listed appliance.)



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### GARAGE REQUIREMENTS

1. When a dwelling has an attached garage, a separation wall between the dwelling and garage is required to prevent the spread of smoke and fire from the garage into the home. The separation must extend from floor to ceiling or roof deck and must be constructed in accordance with the following:
  - A single layer of 1/2" gypsum wall board applied on the garage side for both new and existing construction. If there is living space above the garage the ceiling must be protected with a minimum 5/8" gypsum wall board.
2. Door openings must meet one of the following requirements:
  - Solid wood door at least 1-3/8 inches in thickness, or
  - insulated steel door at least 1-3/8 inches in thickness, or
  - labeled door having a fire protection rating of not less than 20 minutes.
3. Doors shall be self closing and self latching. Only UL listed fire door, self closing devices shall be used.
4. Openings from a private garage directly into a room used for sleeping purposes, including areas used for day care sleeping/napping, shall not be permitted.
5. Aggregate quantities of all hazardous materials including gasoline for lawn maintenance shall be in approved containers and not exceed 5 gallons for garage storage and 10 gallons for outside storage.
6. Storage of combustible materials shall be orderly. Storage shall be separated from hot water heaters by 36 inches.

### MISCELLANEOUS

1. Extension cords shall not be substituted for permanent wiring. Appliances shall be plugged directly into an approved power receptacle or a UL listed surge protection device. Multi plug adaptors shall not be used.

### DEFINITIONS

*Day Care* – The care of persons during any period of a 24-hour day where permanent sleeping accommodations are not provided.

*Family Day Care Home* – A home that regularly provides care, protection and supervision for 14 or fewer children, in the provider's own home, for periods of less than 24 hours per day, while the parents or guardians are away, and is either a large family day care home or a small family day care home.

*Large Family Day Care Home* – A provider's own home, which is licensed to provide day care for periods less than 24 hours per day for nine to 14 persons, including children under the age of 10 years who reside at the home.

*Small Family Day Care Home* – A home which provides family day care to eight or fewer children, including children under the age of 10 years who reside at the home, in the provider's own home, for periods of less than 24 hours per day. Small family day care homes are exempted from state fire and life safety regulations other than those state and local standards applicable to Group R-3 occupancies (single family homes) by the California Health and Safety Code.