



Clovis Fire Department

Standard #3.2

Large Family Day Care

Large Family Day Care is a provider's own home licensed to provide day care for periods less than 24 hours per day for nine (9) to fourteen (14) persons, including children under the age of ten (10) who reside at the home. (2022 CBC 202)

Large Family Day Care (SFM) homes shall be considered as single-family residences for the purposes of the State Building Standards Code and local building and fire codes, except with respect to any additional standards specifically designed to promote the fire and life safety of the children in these homes, adopted by the state fire marshal. (2022 CBC 455.2 [d])

Pre-Inspection / Consultation Request

A pre-inspection of the home is available for a fee of \$475. If interested, please return the attached form with a check to the Clovis Fire Department.

SMOKE ALARMS:

Large Family Day Care homes shall be equipped with State Fire Marshal approved and listed single-station residential-type smoke detectors. Smoke detectors shall be in all rooms used for sleeping purposes and at a point centrally located in the corridor or area giving access to each separate sleeping area. (2022 CFC 455.3)

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

Carbon monoxide detectors shall be in the following locations:

1. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom
2. On every occupiable level of a dwelling a dwelling unit, including basements.
3. Where a fuel fire appliance is located within a bedroom or its attached bathroom, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed within the bedroom.

(2022 CBC 915.2.1)

FIRE EXTINGUISHER:

Large Family Day Care homes shall be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum of 2A10BC rating.

The fire extinguisher shall be mounted in an accessible location not less than forty-two inches (42") or more than sixty (60") from the finished floor.

The fire extinguisher must be new (maintain receipt) **OR** serviced within the last twelve (12) months by a licensed company. (2022 CBC 455.4)

FIRE ALARM DEVICE:

Every large family day-care 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 db above ambient noise level. These devices need not be connected to any other fire alarm device, have a control panel or be supervised or provided with emergency power. Such devices shall

be attached to the structure and must be a device that is listed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. (2022 CBC 455.5 and 2022 CFC 907.2.6.4)

BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS:

Day cares shall not be permitted in garages. The California Building Code classifies large Family Day Care's as R-3 occupancies. The California Building Code classifies garages as U occupancies. **At no time shall a day care be permitted in a group U occupancy.**

If the garage is attached to the home, the door between the home and the garage shall be not less than 1^{3/8}" solid core, maintained to be self-closing and latching. The garage shall not be used for sleeping purposes. There shall be no openings from the garage into any of the sleeping areas. The garage shall be kept in a neat, orderly fashion with a minimal combustible storage. The integrity of the one-hour wall shall be maintained. (2019 CBC 406.3.4.1)

Exception: *Unless a garage conversion has been done by a building permit issued by the local building department and conforms to all state and local regulations related to Group R-Division 3 occupancy.*

Day care rooms shall be located on the first floor only unless the building is equipped with an approved fire sprinkler system. (2022 CBC 1006.2.2.7)

Emergency Escape Windows & Doors:

Every sleeping room shall have at least one (1) operable window or door approved for emergency escape or rescue. The window shall have a minimum net clear openable area of 5.7 square feet. The minimum net clear openable height dimension shall be twenty-four (24") inches. The minimum net clear openable width dimension shall be twenty (20") inches. When windows are provided as a means of escape or rescue, they shall have a finished sill height of not more than forty-four (44") inches above the floor. (2022 CBC 1031.3)

Unenclosed Gas Fire Water Heaters:

All unenclosed gas-fired water heaters and furnaces that are within the area(s) used for the day care shall be protected in a way as to prevent children from coming into contact with the appliance. (2022 CBC 455.7)

ADDRESSING:

Illuminated address signs shall have numbers a minimum of three inches (3") in height with a principal stroke of not less than one-half inch (1/2") in width, on contrasting backgrounds. The address number shall be located on that portion of the structure nearest to a public street and shall remain visible from the street from which the structure is addressed.

EXITS:

Large Family Day Care Homes shall be provided with two (2) exit doorways. Every required exit door shall be capable of opening so that the clear width is not less than thirty-two (32") inches and the clear height is not less than six feet, eight (6'8") inches. A manually operated, horizontal sliding door may be used as one of the two required exits. Rooms used for day care purposes shall not be located above the first story. (2022 CBC 1006.2.2.7)

Use of a key-operated dead bolt is **PROHIBITED**.
Exiting through a garage is **PROHIBITED**.



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**LARGE FAMILY DAY CARE
 FIRE PRE-INSPECTION /CONSULTATION REQUEST**

I hereby request the City of Clovis Fire Department to survey my property for compliance with the fire and life safety provisions for licensing as a:

Child Care Facility (Health & Safety Code Section 1596.750)

\$475.00 fee (Please make checks payable to "City of Clovis")

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Owner/Contact: _____ Phone # _____

Fire Pre-inspection Date Requested: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Finance Department: Deposit to account 62000-46041

For Fire Department Use Only

Request/Fee Received ____ / ____ / ____ By _____

Inspection Date ____ / ____ / ____ By _____

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Cleared ____ / ____ / ____ By _____