



# Clovis Fire Department

## Standard #37

### 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.

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.

#### **Pre-Inspection / Consultation Request**

A pre-inspection of the home is available for a fee of \$50. 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 located 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.

#### **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.

#### **FIRE ALARM DEVICE:**

Every large family day-care shall provide and maintain a device or devices suitable for sounding a fire alarm. Such devices shall be attached to the structure, easily accessible and unobstructed. Devices shall also be distinctive in tone and audible throughout the structure.

Examples of such devices are:

- Battery operated smoke alarm
- Manually operated alarm bell or horn
- Whistle

## **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<sup>3/8</sup>" 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.

**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.

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.

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 making contact with the appliance.

**ADDRESSING:** Illuminated address signs shall have numbers a minimum of three inches (3") in height with a principle 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.

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

Exiting through a garage is **PROHIBITED**.



# City of Clovis

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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)

\$50.00 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 62000-47902**

For Fire Department Use Only

Request/Fee Received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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