



REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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Project Child Care Code Amendments
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Consideration of a legislative amendment to Chapter 10 of the Medford Municipal Code related to child care facilities and programs.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Attached are documents for your review. Please investigate and submit a written report setting forth any necessary conditions as required of your department/agency for approval to the Planning Department within ten working days.

If no comments are received within the 10-day review period, the Planning Department will assume that your department or agency has no comments.

If you have any questions, please contact the planner listed above. Thank you.

ATTACHMENTS

A Draft Language

RECIPIENTS

This Request for Comments (file number DCA-26-045) was sent to the following recipients:

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A Land Development Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

Topic: Land Development Meeting

Link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83028661620>

Webinar ID: 830 2866 1620

CHILD CARE CODE AMENDMENTS

HB 2717 – Outdoor Child Care Programs
SB 1099 – Preschool in Places of Worship
HB 3560 – Childcare Facility Siting Expansion

Track changes is used to indicate amended code language.

CHAPTER 10

10.012 Definitions, Specific.

“Child day care” means the care, supervision, and guidance, on a regular basis, of a child, unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, or custodian, provided during part of the 24 hours of the day, in a place other than the child’s home, with or without compensation.

“Child day care center” means a child day care facility that is certified to provide care and education of for 13 or more children, generally in a commercial or nonresidential setting; ~~or, if certified to care for fewer than 13 children, and~~ is not a child day care home as defined herein. It may include a nursery school, preschool, pre-kindergarten, child play school, before or after school care, preschool/school-age recorded program, parent cooperative, child development center, or outdoor child care program; but not any facility ~~providing care that is primarily educational, unless provided to a preschool child for more than four hours a day; nor any facility~~ providing supervised training in a specific subject, such as dancing, drama, music or religion; nor an incident of group athletic or social activities sponsored by or under the supervision of an organized club or hobby group; nor any facility operated by a school district, political subdivision of the state, or a governmental agency.

“Child day care home” means a child day care facility located in a building constructed as a single-family dwelling that is certified to care for no more than 16 children at any one given time, and where care is provided by a family day care provider in the provider’s home in the family living quarters, and may include an outdoor child care program. ~~This definition is meant to be consistent with ORS.~~

“Institutional uses” means public and quasi-public uses such as government offices, fire stations, convention or community centers, auditoriums, post offices, public and private schools and colleges (not including business or commercial schools), libraries, museums,

utilities, park-n-ride lots, churches, religious or charitable institutions, facilities for organizations and clubs, and cemeteries, mausoleums, columbariums, and crematories.

10.314 Permitted Uses in Residential Lane Use Classification.

PERMITTED USES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS	SFR 00	SFR 2	SFR 4	SFR 6	SFR 10	MFR 15	MFR 20	MFR 30	Special Use or Other Code Section(s)
4. ACCESSORY USES									
(d) Child (Family) Day Care Home (16 or fewer children)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
6. NONRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL USES									
(b) Child Day Care Center	Cs	Cs	Cs	Cs	Cs	CsP	CsP	CsP	10.811
<u>(b)(i) Child Day Care Center when co-located with institutional uses (including places of worship)</u>	<u>Ps</u>	<u>10.816</u>							
(c) Institutional Uses	Cs	10.815-817							
(d) Community Services Facilities (Parks, Recreation, etc.)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	10.817

10.334 Permitted Uses in the Public Parks Zone.

“SPAC” = Site Plan & Architectural Commission review required for new facilities

SIC#	Description of Use	Allowance Type	Additional Regulations/Land Use Requirement
835	Child Day Care Services	<u>Ps</u>	The special use reference for child day care services corresponds with section 10.811 SPAC

10.337 Uses Permitted in Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts.

I. 83. *SOCIAL SERVICES*. This major group includes establishments providing social services and rehabilitation services to those persons with social or personal problems requiring special services and to the handicapped and disadvantaged.

		C-S/P	C-N	C-C	C-R	C-H	I-L	I-G	I-H
835	Child Day Care Services	P S	P X	X					

~~The special use reference for child day care services corresponds with section 10.811.~~

86. *MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS*. This major group includes organizations operating on a membership basis for the promotion of the interests of the members.

		C-S/P	C-N	C-C	C-R	C-H	I-L	I-G	I-H
866	Religious Organizations	P S	P	P	P	P	P	X	X

~~10.811 — Nursery Schools, Day or Child Care (Centers) Facilities.~~

~~Child Day Care Centers Nursery schools and day or child care center facilities shall provide and thereafter maintain outdoor play areas as per OAR 414-305-0920, or as revised.~~

~~Facilities licensed for 40 or more children shall be required to have a driveway designed for continuous forward flow of passenger vehicles for the purpose of loading and unloading children.~~

~~If a conditional use permit is required and the following information, in addition to that normally required for a conditional use permit, shall also be supplied:~~

- ~~(1) The maximum number of children the facility is proposed to be licensed to care for.~~
- ~~(2) Ages of the children to be cared for.~~
- ~~(3) List of any exceptions to the rules governing standards for day care facilities that the applicant will be applying for through the Children's Services Division.~~

10.816 Churches, Hospitals, or Other Religious or Charitable Institutions in a Residential District.

(1) In any residentially zoned district, hospitals or other religious or charitable institutions, excepting churches, shall be located on a designated arterial or collector street. Side and rear yard setbacks shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet and landscaped as required to buffer adjacent properties.

(2) In the C-S/P zone, with conditional use approval, overnight parking for travel trailers, campers and similar vehicles for use by patients and families of patients at a hospital, may be allowed as an accessory use to a hospital, subject to the following standards:

- (a) A minimum twenty (20) foot setback to the paved parking and maneuvering area for the spaces shall be provided along all lot lines, including the front lot line, and sufficiently landscaped so as to avoid adverse impacts on adjacent properties.
- (b) Each of the spaces may be provided full hookups for power, water, and sanitary sewer.

(3) Churches located within the residential district shall be subject to the following standards:

- (a) All buildings shall be set back a minimum of thirty (30) feet from the side and rear property lines. All setbacks shall be landscaped as required to buffer adjacent properties.
- (b) Located on a standard residential street, collector or arterial street.

(4) Temporary shelters shall be conditionally permitted as an accessory use to all churches, hospitals, religious, or charitable institutions as permitted per Section [10.314\(6\)\(c\)\(i\)](#).

(5) Child Day Care Centers at Places of Worship:

- (a) A child day care center operating in conjunction with a place of worship shall not be subject to the siting and development standards contained in subsections 1 through 4 of this section.
- (b) For the purposes of this subsection, a child day care center does not include private or parochial education for kindergarten through grade 12 or higher education.