

City of Cambridge
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

ORDINANCE NO. 1067

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND, TO AMEND SECTION 4.2.3 A. 6. OF THE CITY'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE GROUP HOME LAND USE FROM LAND USE TABLE 1 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) AND COORDINATING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DAY CARE HOME WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN/WATERFRONT DISTRICT, SECTION 4.4.4 B., WITH THE OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, upon the consideration of the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and upon consideration of the staff of the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the comments made at the public hearing before City Council, held on March 14, 2016, the City Council finds that the proposed amendment is needed to promote and protect the public's health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and issued recommendation regarding the proposed text amendment. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Commissioners of Cambridge approve the text amendment which removes the residential requirement for corner commercial lots within the NC zone districts; and

WHEREAS, the text amendments would correct the Permitted Land Use Table and Section 4.2.3 A. 6. Removing Group Home from the Open Space zoning district and coordinating the Downtown/Waterfront District's Section 4.4.4 B., Day Care, home with other areas in the City pursuant to clarification of Temporal Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Cambridge find that it is in the best interest of the City to correct the Permitted Land Use Table and Section 4.2.3 A. 6. Removing Group Home from the Open Space zoning district and coordinating the Downtown/Waterfront District's Section 4.4.4 B., Day Care, home with other areas in the City pursuant to clarification of Temporal Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of Cambridge, that **Subsection 4.2.3.A.6** of the City's Unified Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

Subsection 4.2.3 A.

6. Group Home
Subject to the following conditions, Group Home (no more than 8 clients) shall be permitted with Conditions (C) use in the NC-1, NC-2, NC-3, and NC-4 districts and in the R, CMU, and GC, [~~and OS~~] districts:
 - a. That such use will not constitute a nuisance because of noise, vehicle traffic or parking, number of residents, or any other type of physical activity.
 - b. That such use will not, when considered in combination with other existing group homes in the neighborhood, result in excessive



concentration of similar uses in the same general neighborhood of the proposed use.

- c. That any property to be used for a group residential facility is of sufficient size to accommodate the proposed number of residents and staff.
- d. That the site to be used as a group residential facility for children provide ample outdoor play space, free from hazard and appropriately equipped for the age and number of children to be cared for.
- e. Applicant shall meet requirements of the State and local Departments of Health.
- f. Approval is subject to all building code requirements for safety and health having been met.
- g. The Planning Commission may prescribe specific conditions determined necessary to minimize effects of use on neighboring properties given identification of concerns specific to a particular site.
- h. Parking and loading shall be provided at the rear of the site.
- i. The project shall be designed to provide a transition near the periphery of the site, either with open space areas and landscaping or by designing the buildings near the periphery to be harmonious in density and type with the surrounding neighborhood.
- j. Open space areas, recreational facilities, and other accessory facilities shall be developed in each phase of development to meet the needs of the residents.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that Section 4.4.4 of the Unified Development Code is amended as follows:

Section 4.4.4 Standards for Conditional and Special Exception Uses.

The following conditions and specific standards apply to land uses designated C (Conditional), SE (Special Exception) and SC (Special Exception with Conditions) in Tables 1 and 2 of this Ordinance. The applicable conditions shall be satisfied during the period of the use and occupancy.

B. Day Care, Home

Subject to the following conditions, Day Care, Home shall be permitted as a Conditional (C) use in the General, Center, and Neighborhood sub-districts:

~~{1. At least two hundred (200) square feet of usable outdoor recreational area shall be provided per individual that may use the center at any one time. Reerectional areas shall not include the required front yard of the property or any off-street parking areas. Such usable outdoor recreation area shall be identified on the site plan and shall be sufficiently buffered from adjacent residential areas, with a free-standing fence, neither portion of which shall be shared with a fence of an adjoining property owner. The fence shall have a minimum height of four (4) feet, and shall be constructed and located so as to provide sufficient protection and safety for the children and be approved by~~

~~the Zoning Official. Usable outdoor recreation areas shall be limited to the side and rear yard of the property.~~

~~{2. Approval is subject to all building code requirements for safety and health having been met.}~~

~~{3. The area of the property shall contain no less than 1,000 square feet per individual that may use the center at any one time.}~~

Sec. 4.4.4. B. Day Care, Home

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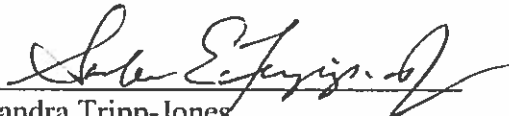
- a. Applicant shall meet the requirements of the Office of Child Care Licensing and Regulation in the Department of Human Resources of the State of Maryland, or its successor agency for Family Day Care.
- b. Approval is subject to all building code requirements for safety and health having been met.
- c. A Family Day Care Home shall not have more day care children than the number which appears on the certificate of registration issued by the Office of Child Day Care Licensing and Regulation to such Family Day Care Home and Family Day Care Provider.
- d. At any one time, a Family Day Care Home shall have no more than eight (8) children, including no more than two (2) children under the age of two (2) years.
- e. Children visiting the Family Day Care Home for whom payment is not received shall count towards the eight (8) children permitted under paragraph D above only if all of the following conditions are met:
 1. The child is less than six (6) years old;
 2. The child visits the Family Day Care Home unaccompanied by an adult on a regular basis; and
 3. The child cannot be sent home immediately.
- f. The Planning Commission may prescribe specific conditions determined necessary to minimize effects of use on neighboring properties given identification of concerns specific to a particular site.
- g. The applicant shall have two hundred (200) square feet of usable outdoor recreation area for each child that may use this space at any time. Such usable outdoor recreation area shall be identified on the site plan and shall be sufficiently buffered from adjacent residential areas. Usable outdoor recreation areas shall be limited to the side and rear yard of the property.
- h. The area of the property shall contain no less than 1,000 square feet per individual that may use the center at any one time.
- i. The applicant requesting the Day Care Home Use Permit shall reside at the residence and it shall be their principal residence.

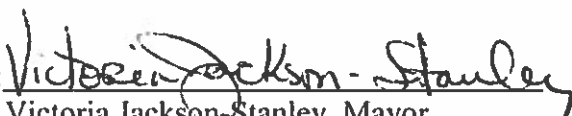
- j. The property owner shall be a cosigner of the application for the limited purpose of granting permission for this use.
- k. The Day Care Home Use Permit shall be issued to the applicant at the property identified within the application and shall not be transferable to any subsequent resident or other location.
- l. The family day care provider shall comply with Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the State Department of Human Resources regarding group day care centers.
- m. All such uses shall be located so as to permit the safe pickup and delivery of all persons on this site.
- n. This use shall require a public meeting with all required advertisements and notifications.
- o. The Planning Commission shall be the reviewing board.
- p. The day care home shall be in operation only during the hours from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- q. Within the NC 1, NC2, NC3 and NC4 Zone Districts, there shall be one day care home within a whole City block, exclusive of alley.
- r. The establishment, maintenance and operation of the day care home at its proposed location will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare.
- s. The day care home at its proposed location shall be such that it will be harmonious in character as well as appropriate in appearance with and will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.
- t. The establishment of the day care home at its proposed location will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding properties.
- u. Adequate utilities, public water and sewer facilities, access streets, drainage and all necessary facilities have been or are being provided.
- v. The day care home shall be such that pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic associated with such use at its proposed location will not be hazardous to or unduly conflict with the existing and anticipated traffic in the neighborhood.
- w. The day care home shall in all other respects conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located and to the special requirements that may be established for the specific use.
- x. The proposed use at its proposed location conforms to the Comprehensive Plan.

AND BE IT FURTHER enacted and ordained that this Ordinance shall become effective on the tenth (10th) day following the date of adoption.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAMBRIDGE


Sandra Tripp-Jones
City Manager

By: 
Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Mayor

Introduced the 8th day of February, 2016
Adopted the 14th day of March, 2016
Effective the 24th day of March, 2016

NOTE: Word(s) which are in bold and underscored are to be added to the City Code of Laws; words in bold brackets are to be deleted from the City Code of Laws.

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