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LARGE FAMILY DAYCARE GUIDELINES

1. Areas used for day-care purposes shall not be located above the first floor unless the building meets the requirements of 2016 CFC 1006.2.2.6.
2. Areas used for day-care purposes shall not be located in a basement unless the building meets the requirements of 2016 CFC 1006.2.2.6.
3. Two exits shall be provided from the house. One may be a horizontal sliding "patio" door. Exits may pass through a kitchen but not through a garage. [2016 CFC 1006.2.2.7]
4. Locking devices on egress doors shall be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort. [2016 CFC 1006.2.2.6 / 2016 CFC 1010.1.9] However, a single night latch, thumb turn dead bolt, or security chain conforming to 2016 CFC 1010.1.9.3 (4) is allowed in addition to a standard door knob where there are 10 or fewer persons in the home.
5. Provide a minimum 2A:10BC fire extinguisher. It shall be mounted in an easily accessible and visible location and shall be serviced annually or immediately after use. [2016 CFC 455.4 / 2016 CFC 906.1 (7)]
6. A State Fire Marshal approved and UL listed single-station residential smoke alarm is required in each sleeping room and in the bedroom hallway. At least one smoke alarm shall be located on each floor and in the basement. [2016 CFC 455.3 / 2016 CFC 907.2.11.2]
7. A State Fire Marshal approved and UL listed single-station residential carbon monoxide alarm is required in the bedroom hallway. At least one carbon monoxide alarm shall be located on each floor and in the basement. [2016 CFC 915.1.1]
8. A State Fire Marshal approved and UL listed manually activated fire alarm pull station is required in a location approved by the Fire Inspector. [2016 CFC 907.2.6.4]
9. Smoke, carbon monoxide, and manual fire alarms shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall be replaced or repaired where defective. [2016 CFC 901.6]
10. Circuit breakers and/or fuse boxes shall be properly labeled. Fuses shall be the correct size for the circuit they are supplying. [2016 CFC 605.3 / 2016 CFC 605.3.1]
11. Every unenclosed gas-fired water heater or furnace which is within the area used for child care in a large family day-care home shall be protected in such a way as to prevent children from making contact with those appliances. Exception: This does not apply to kitchen stoves or ovens. [2016 CFC 455.7]
12. Class I flammable liquids (e.g. gasoline) shall be properly stored and shall not exceed five (5) gallons. [2016 CFC 105.6.17 (2), 2016 CFC 5704.3, 2016 CFC 5704.3.3, 2016 CFC 5704.3.4, 2016 CFC 5704.3.5]
13. Any remodeling that has ever been done to the building shall be evidenced by a valid building permit. This includes such things as a room addition, garage or patio conversion, addition or removal of a wall, electrical work (e.g. wiring, smoke alarm and pull station installation), installation of a wood burning stove or a fireplace insert, or sheet-rocking of the walls and/or ceiling in the garage. Fire clearance will not be granted until a building

permit has been issued, all inspections have been completed, and the project finalized by the Building Department. Call (209) 577-5232 for information on obtaining a building permit. [2016 CBC 105.1 / 2016 CBC 114]

14. If at the time of a periodic inspection it is noted that work has begun or been completed without a building permit the Fire Department day-care permit will not be renewed. A temporary fire clearance may be issued if a building permit is obtained and the operator submits a written statement to this office indicating a date by which the work will be completed. That temporary clearance may be revoked if compliance is not timely.
15. A floor plan showing all rooms in the house, and a site plan showing the house and the property lines, shall be submitted to this office to be retained in our files.
16. A City of Modesto business license is required. For information, please call the Finance Department Licensing Division at (209) 577-5388.
17. Ask your Community Care Licensing contact person to forward a California State Form 850 to Modesto Fire Prevention. We will use this form to officially approve your day-care.