

**5.1.56 FAMILY DAY HOMES**

Each family day home shall be subject to the following:

a. **Care for five or fewer children.** Each family day home providing care for five (5) or fewer children under the age of thirteen (13), exclusive of the provider's own children and any children who reside in the home, shall be regulated as a single-family residential use.

b. **Care for more than five but not more than twelve children.** Each family day home providing care for more than five (5) but not more than twelve (12) children under the age of thirteen (13), exclusive of the provider's own children and any children who reside in the home, shall be subject to the following:

1. **Traffic.** The additional traffic generated by a family day home, excluding trips associated with the dwelling unit, shall not exceed twenty-four (24) vehicle round trips per day. For the purposes of this section, a "vehicle round trip" means one vehicle entering and exiting the site. The limitation on the number of vehicle round trips per day may be waived or modified by special exception. In acting on a special exception, the board shall consider whether the waiver or modification of the number of vehicle round trips per day will change the character of the neighboring agricultural area or the residential neighborhood, as applicable, and whether the additional vehicle trips per day will be a substantial detriment to abutting lots. Notice of the application for a special exception shall be posted as provided in section 33.4(m)(2).

2. **Parking.** Each family day home shall provide one (1) parking space plus one (1) parking space for each additional employee. The parking spaces may be located on-site, on the street where authorized by law, or in a parking lot safe and convenient to the family day home.

3. **Entrance and access.** In conjunction with each application for a zoning clearance, the zoning administrator shall identify, if necessary, the applicable design and improvements required that are at least the minimum necessary to protect public health and safety by providing safe ingress and egress to and from the family day home site, safe vehicular and pedestrian circulation on the site, and the control of dust as deemed appropriate in the context of the use. The zoning administrator may consult with the county engineer or the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the minimum design and improvements for the entrance and access.

4. **State licensure.** Each family day home shall acquire and maintain the required licensure from the Virginia Department of Social Services. The owner or operator of the family day home shall provide a copy of the license to the zoning administrator. The owner or operator's failure to provide a copy of the license to the zoning administrator shall be deemed to be willful noncompliance with the provisions of this chapter.

5. **Inspections by fire official.** The Albemarle County fire official is authorized to conduct periodic inspections of the family day home. The owner or operator's failure to promptly admit the fire official onto the premises and into the dwelling unit to conduct an inspection in a manner authorized by law shall be deemed to be willful noncompliance with the provisions of this chapter.

6. **Waivers or modifications by special exception.** Except as provided in subsection (b)(1), no requirement of this section may be waived or modified.

7. **Zoning clearance and notice of request.** No family day home shall commence without a zoning clearance issued under section 31.5, subject to the following:

a. **Notice to abutting lot owners.** At least thirty (30) days prior to acting on the zoning clearance, the zoning administrator shall provide written notice of the application for a zoning clearance to the owner of each abutting lot under different ownership than the lot on which the proposed family day home would be located. The notice shall identify the proposed family day home, its size and capacity, its location, and whether a special exception under subsection (b)(1) is requested. The notice shall invite the recipient to submit any comments before the zoning clearance is acted upon. The notice shall be mailed or hand delivered at least thirty (30) days prior to the action on the zoning clearance. Mailed notice shall be sent by first class mail. Notice mailed to the owner of each lot abutting the site shall be mailed to the last known address of the owner, and mailing the notice to the address shown on the current real estate tax assessment records of the county shall be deemed to be compliance with this requirement.

b. **Special exception.** If the zoning administrator receives a written objection to the family day home from the owner of an abutting lot within thirty (30) days after the notice was mailed or delivered, the zoning clearance shall not be approved until after the applicant obtains a special exception for the family day home as provided in sections 33.5 and 33.9. In acting on a special exception, the board shall consider whether the proposed use will be a substantial detriment to abutting lots.

8. **Relationship to other laws.** The provisions of this section are supplementary to all other laws and nothing herein shall be deemed to preclude application of the requirements of the Virginia Department of Social Services, Virginia Department of Health, Virginia.