

RILEY TOWNSHIP - ST. CLAIR COUNTY

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SECTION 1127. CHILD CARE CENTERS, FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023):

Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes and Group Child Care Homes shall be permitted in the AR, R-1, and the RC Districts, subject to the following (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023):

A. DEFINITIONS (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023):

CHILD CARE CENTER is a facility, other than a private residence receiving 1 or more children under thirteen (13) years of age for care for a period of less than 24 hours a day, where parents are not immediately available to the child.

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME is a private home where up to six (6) children are taken care of and supervised for compensation for periods of less than 24 hours at a time.

GROUP CHILD CARE HOME is a private home where more than seven (7) up to twelve (12) children are taken care of and supervised for compensation for periods of less than 24 hours at a time.

INCREASED CAPACITY allows one (1) additional child added to the total number of minor children received for care and supervision in a Family Child Care Home, or two (2) additional children in a Group Child Care Home that is eligible for increased capacity with ALL of the following criteria:

1. Holds a current license,
2. Licensed to operate for at least twenty-nine (29) consecutive months,
3. One (1) or more unrelated minor children under supervision during licensed period, and
4. Received renewed regular license after at least twenty-nine (29) months of licensed operation.

B. LICENSING: All facilities and such uses shall be licensed **as regulated** by the State of Michigan, and shall comply with the minimum standards outlined for such facilities, in accordance with applicable state laws (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023).

C. REGISTRATION: **All Child Care Centers must apply for Special Approval Use (see Sections 1102 thru 1109).** All private home facilities must register with the Township. Applicant must keep current State Certification on file with the Township (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023).

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- D. OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA:** A minimum of 150 square feet of outdoor recreation area shall be provided and maintained per child at the licensed capacity of the **Child Care Center, Family Child Care Home** and/or Group **Child Care Home**, provided that the overall area shall not be less than 2000 square feet (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023). The outdoor recreation area shall be suitably fenced, secured, and screened from abutting residential uses in accordance with said Section 915 (Green strip, Planting Materials). The Planning Commission may approve the use of off-site outdoor recreational facilities to satisfy this requirement. If outdoor recreation area is located in the front yard a minimum setback of two hundred (200') feet from the center of the road.
- E. PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF AREA:** Adequate areas shall be provided for employee, resident parking, and pick-up and drop-off of children and adults in a manner that minimizes pedestrian-vehicle conflicts and disruption of traffic flow on the public roads.
- F. SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS:** New **Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes** and Group **Child Care Homes** shall be located a minimum of one thousand five hundred (1500') feet from any other state licensed residential facility, as measured between the nearest points on the property lines in question (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023).
- G. HOURS OF OPERATION:** **Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes** and Group **Child Care Homes** in the residential district or accessory to a residential use may operate up to sixteen (16) hours per day with a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours with approval by the Planning Commission (Amended 6-13-2023; Published 6-21-2023).
- H. SIGNS:** See Section 909
- I.** Applicant must notify the police, fire and rescue of location and operation.