A Large Family Day Care Home must meet certain City requirements. These include the need for a License from the State of California Department of Social Services and compliance with City zoning regulations.

This Information Bulletin explains how to obtain a permit and discusses regulations that apply to Large Family Day Care Homes.

What is a Large Family Day Care Home?

Large Family Day Care is a facility that regularly provides care, protection, and supervision for nine to fourteen children, inclusive, in the provider's own home, including any children under the age of ten residing at the address. Large Family Day Care Homes must be operated according to the standards set forth in Section 37-5.120 of the Zoning Code. Signs are not permitted at Large Family Day Care Homes.

What if a Family Day Care Home has Fewer than Nine Children?

If a Family Day Care Home has eight or fewer children, including those who reside in the home, it is considered to be a Small Family Day Care Home. No license or permit from the City is required, although a License to Operate and Maintain a Family Day Care from the California Department of Social Services is always a requirement for operating a Family Day Care Home. No temporary garage conversions are allowed with a Small Family Day Care Home.

Can a Garage be Converted for use in a Large Family Day Care Home?

Yes, garages can be temporarily converted to facilitate a Large Family Day Care Home.

What are the Steps to apply for a Permit for a Large Family Day Care Home?

To apply for a Permit for a Large Family Day Care Home permit, please follow the following steps:

1. Contact the California Department of Social Services and obtain a License to Operate and Maintain a Day Care Home for 9-14 children.

2. Bring a copy of this license to:

   City of Salinas
   Community Development Department
   65 West Alisal Street
   Salinas, CA 93901

3. A planner is available for assistance regarding the application. If conversion of a garage is desired, please bring this to the planner's attention.