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Chapter 20.10 Land Use Districts

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20.10.440 Land use charts.

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Chart 20.10.440
Uses in land use districts
 Services – Residential Districts

STD LAND USE CODE REF	LAND USE CLASSIFICATION	LL-1	LL-2	SR-1	SR-2	SR-3	SR-4	LDR-1	LDR-2	LDR-3	MDR- 1	MDR- 2
6	Services											
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629	Child Care Services-Center (3,4)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Family Child Care Home in Residence	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Child Day Care Center								E	E	P	P
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Chart 20.10.440
Uses in land use districts
 Services – Nonresidential Districts

STD LAND USE CODE REF	LAND USE CLASSIFICATION	Professional Office	Office	Office/Limited Business	Office/Limited Business 2	Light Industry	General Commercial	Neighborhood Business	Neighborhood Mixed Use	Community Business	Factoria Land Use District 1	Factoria Land Use District 2	Factoria Land Use District 3
		PO	O	OLB	OLB 2	LI	GC	NB	NMU (16)	CB	F1	F2	F3
6	Services												
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629	Child Care Services Center (3,4)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Family Child Care Home in Residence (3)	P	P	P		P	P	P		P	P	P	P
	Child Day-Care Center (3,4)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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Notes: Uses in land use districts – Services:

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~~(3) Refer to Chapter 20.50 LUC for definitions of child care service, family child care home, and child day care center.~~

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Chapter 20.20 General Development Requirements

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20.20.170 Child care ~~center~~service use.

A. Purpose.

Encourage the convenient location of child care ~~service centers uses~~ throughout the City where compatible with surrounding land uses and development.

B. Applicability.

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This section applies to each child care ~~service use center~~ within the City. The requirements of this section shall be imposed at the initiation of any child care ~~service use center~~, or upon any addition or modification to a child care ~~service use center~~ or structure housing that use.

~~C. Family Child Care Home in a Residence.~~

~~Family child care providers must obtain an operating license from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). Family child care providers also must comply with all applicable City codes, including but not limited to the Tax Administrative Code, Chapter 4.03 BCC; Building and Fire Codes, Sign Code, Chapter 22B.10 BCC; and LUC provisions governing lot size, building dimensions, setbacks, and lot coverage requirements for the zone in which they are located.~~

Commented [A1]: Family Child Care Homes in Residences are regulated outside of the Land Use Code given that per SB 5509 all child care use must be permitted in any zone except for light industrial.

~~D.C. Child Day Care Center.~~

1. General. The requirements of subsection ~~D.C.~~ of this section apply to each child ~~day~~ care center unless located in a ~~private residence or a~~ community facility. For the requirements for a child care ~~service use center~~ in a ~~residence or~~ community facility, see subsections ~~C and ED~~ of this section, ~~respectively~~.

2. Review or Registration Required.

~~a. If located in an LDR-2 or LDR-3 Land Use District, a child day care center requires a Conditional Use Permit prior to the initiation of the use.~~

~~ba. If located in a land use district in which the use is a permitted use, e~~Each operator of a child ~~day~~ care center must register with the Bellevue Development Services Department by filing a signed Child Care Registration Form as provided by the Department prior to the initiation of the use. The operator must certify compliance with all applicable use requirements and conditions of this subsection as listed on the Registration Form.

3. Use Requirements. The following requirements apply to each child ~~day~~ care center.

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~~e. The operator must have obtained a Registration Certificate as required by Chapter 4.02 BCC (Tax Administration Code).~~

~~fe. If located in an R-10LDR-2, R-15LDR-3, R-20MDR-1, or R-30MDR-2 Land Use District:~~

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~~ED. Child Care Service Center Use Located in a Community Facility.~~

1. General. The requirements of this subsection apply to each child ~~day~~ care center ~~use~~ located in a community facility.
2. Review or Registration Required. Each operator of a child ~~day~~ care center housed in a community facility must register with the Bellevue Development Services Department by filing a signed Child Care Registration Form as provided by the Department prior to initiation of the use. The operator must certify compliance with all applicable use requirements and conditions of this subsection as listed on the Registration form.

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3. Use Requirements. The following requirements apply to each child ~~day~~ care center ~~use~~ located in a community facility:
 - a. The child ~~day~~ care center ~~use~~ must have received all necessary permits or approvals from the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services.
 - b. The child ~~day~~ care center ~~use~~ must have been inspected by the Bellevue Fire Department, and the operator must have committed to implement all required corrective measures within the stated time period.
 - c. The operator must have granted the City of Bellevue permission to enter the property, and to inspect the child ~~day~~ care center ~~use~~ for compliance with the requirements of the Land Use Code, and other applicable City ordinances.
 - ~~d. The operator must have obtained a Registration Certificate as required by Chapter 4.02 BCC (Tax Administration Code).~~
 - ed. The child ~~day~~ care center ~~use~~ may not display any sign in excess of the maximum number of signs and the maximum sign area allowed for the community facility in which the child care service use is housed.

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Chapter 20.50 Definitions

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20.50.014 C Definitions

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~~**Child Care Service.** A use providing regular care and training for children, generally for less than 24 hours, outside of the immediate family, or K through 12 education system. This use includes family child care homes and child day care centers. Also included are preschool and nursery school facilities which are not part of the K through 12 education program. Not included are uses solely for religious purposes.~~

Child Day Care Center. Has the same meaning as provided in RCW 43.216.010, except that the term, as used in the Land Use Code, includes the following: all preschools and nursery school facilities which are not part of a school. A child care service use providing regularly scheduled care for a period less than 24 hours. A child care service use meeting the definition of family child care home does not fall within the scope of this definition.

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~~**20.50.020 F Definitions**~~

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~~**Family Child Care Home.** A child care service use located in the family residence, which provides regularly scheduled care for 12 or fewer children or as licensed or approved by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families per Chapter 43.216 RCW and Chapter 110-300 WAC, now or as hereafter amended. For the purposes of this definition, family residence means the dwelling unit~~

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~~occupied for living purposes by the child care provider which includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.~~

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