

Family Child Care Home LUCA

City Council Public Hearing and Action

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Recommended Action

Hold the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 6677, and, following the Public Hearing, consider adopting Ordinance No. 6677.



Agenda

1. Background
2. LUCA Objectives
3. LUCA Components
4. LUCA Process
5. Direction



Background

Senate Bill (SB) 5237

- Intended to expand access, capacity for childcare in WA
- Multiple provisions related to childcare, early learning
- Waiver to allow more than 12 children in home-based childcare
 - Authority granted to DCYF
 - RCW 43.216.692
- Rules established by DCYF (WAC 110-300-0358) in January 2022
 - Criteria to be considered before waiver
 - Floor area, staff-child ratios, etc.



Background

Family Child Care Homes

- Home-based daycare
- Defined under LUC 20.50.020
 - No more than 12 children
- Licensed by State Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)
 - DCYF determines capacity for licensees



LUCA Objectives

- Remove conflict between LUC and state definitions
 - Ease, clarity of administration
 - Clean up outdated references
- Comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA)
 - RCW 36.70A.450
 - Family Child Care Homes must be regulated like single-family dwellings



LUCA Components

LUC 20.50.020

Definitions

- Insert reference to state legislation
 - Chapter 43.216 RCW
 - Chapter 110-300 WAC
- Remove 24-hour time limit
 - Regulated by DCYF

LUC 20.20.170.C

Use Requirements

- Update references to state agencies, laws
- Clean up references to other codes

All other existing requirements will remain.



LUCA Process

Process IV – City Council Legislative Action

Includes Notice of Application, Public Hearing

Meeting	Date
City Council Study Session	September 6, 2022
City Council Public Hearing and Action	September 26, 2022

City webpage, including:

- Instructions for commenting
- Staff contacts
- LUCA schedule and updates



Staff Recommendation

LUCA meets the decision criteria under LUC 20.30J.135:

**1. Consistent with
Comprehensive
Plan**

**2. Enhances
public health,
safety, or welfare**

**3. Not contrary to
interests of
citizens, property
owners**





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