



**DAY/CHILD/ADULT
CARE CENTERS
IN
HORRY COUNTY**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This brochure is a brief summary describing the requirements for a day/child/adult care center in Horry County. Copies may be obtained from the Horry County Planning & Zoning Department or on the Planning Department web page of the Horry County Government website at www.horrycounty.org.

WHAT ELSE WILL I NEED?

The following county departments and state or federal agencies may have criteria regarding care centers.

South Carolina Dept. of Social Services (DSS) - (803) 898-9024
 Horry County Planning & Zoning Department – (843) 915-5340
 Horry County Code Enforcement Department - (843) 915-5090

ARTICLE V SECTION 525 OF THE H.C. ZONING ORDINANCE STATES:

These centers may be placed in separate facilities in various zones according to the number of occupants served:

Occupants	Permitted in:
1—5 (Family care)	All zoning districts (fencing requirements only)
6--12 (Group care) *	All residentially zoned lots > 20,000 SF ** All commercial districts
13+ (Day care) *	All commercial districts **

* Commercial building code shall be adhered to

** Access to said facility must be provided via all weather surface

Fencing requirements – a minimum of 75 square foot of play area per child and a 6 foot high fence.

Facilities shall be accessory uses in HI Districts, and Conditional uses in all other zoning districts, except as stated herein.

PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN A HORRY COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE:

FAMILY CARE (1-5 Occupants) - Residential home occupied by operator of care center.

1. Daycare application will need to be submitted to the Code Enforcement department with a site plan drawn to scale of the property showing all structures and the recreation area clearly marked and fencing installed (75 sq ft per child).
2. \$100 fee will be collected for the review. Allow up to 15 days for review.
3. Once the Code Enforcement Dept approves and issues the Daycare Placard you may bring the placard to the Zoning Dept and apply for your zoning compliance for a business license. The zoning compliance can then be submitted to the Business License Dept with an application and any applicable fees.

GROUP CARE (6-12 Occupants) - Required to be in a residential home occupied by the group care operator and meet Code Enforcement requirements for sprinklers and 3 hour fire wall. Not allowed in a mobile home or a separate structure.

1. Daycare application will need to be submitted to the Code Enforcement department with a floor plan and site plan drawn to scale of the property showing all structures and the recreation area clearly marked and fencing installed (75 sq ft per child)
2. Fees will be determined by the Code Enforcement department at the time of permitting. Allow up to 15 days for review.
3. Once the Code Enforcement Dept inspects and issues a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) and the Daycare Placard you may bring the placard to the Zoning Dept and apply or your zoning compliance for a business license. The zoning compliance can then be submitted to the Business License Dept with an application and any applicable fees

COMMERCIAL CARE (13 + OCCUPANTS) – Contact Code Enforcement Department for Commercial Plan submittal procedures.