

525. Day/child/adult care centers.

May be placed in separate facilities in various zones according to the number of occupants served:

TABLE INSET:

Occupants	Permitted in:
1—5 (Family care)	All zoning districts
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

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

General Provision

- (1) All facilities shall meet the requirements as specified in SC Code Title 63, Chapter 13 and any other applicable federal, state, and county laws and regulations.
- (2) All facilities shall conform to all applicable standards of any ordinance in effect within Horry County. The Zoning Administrator shall ensure that all standards are met prior to issuing a Certificate of Zoning Compliance.
- (3) No other business enterprise shall be allowed on the same lot with a day care facility unless the facility is operated for the primary use of the employees of that business enterprise. Industrial plants, institutional uses, shopping centers/malls, and strip commercial facilities are exempt from this provision.
- (4) All facilities shall provide parking lots with one (1) parking space for each employee and one (1) parking space per six (6) children cared for in the facility. If a facility utilizes a twenty-two (22) foot wide drive aisle for loading and unloading, one (1) parking space shall be waived for each twenty-three (23) foot section of drive aisle not including twenty (20) feet from the entrance and exit from the roadway. All facilities utilizing the drive aisle are required to meet the employee parking standard of one (1) parking space for each employee.
- (5) Recreational Space.
 - A. All facilities shall have seventy-five (75) square feet of recreational space per child based on maximum enrollment capacity. Recreational space shall be accommodated via one or both of the following:

- i. Outdoor Recreational Space – a minimum of seventy-five (75) square feet of usable outdoor recreational area. Outdoor recreational areas shall not be forward of a principal structure on any street-side. Recreational area is defined as: usable area not covered by buildings, required landscaping, open drainage or required parking lots.

Outdoor recreational areas shall be enclosed with a six (6) foot high fence. Ingress/egress to said outdoor recreational areas shall be gained via childproof self

closing and self latching/locking gates or through the facility itself. In addition, Staff may require a landscaped buffer to reduce noise and/or block objectionable views if conditions in the area warrant such action.

ii. Indoor Recreational Space – All facilities may establish dedicated recreational areas indoors in climate controlled conditions if outdoor recreational space requirements are not feasible. Said indoor recreational areas shall be reviewed by Staff on a case by case basis. Indoor recreational area requirements shall be seventy-five (75) square feet per child. Said indoor facilities shall be clearly defined, separated from traditional classroom, administrative and business spaces.

B. In instances where a facility utilizes both outdoor and indoor recreational spaces to meet these requirements, no less than three-hundred (300) square feet shall be located inside.

C. Offsite Recreational Space - Offsite recreational facilities owned and operated by an entity other than the daycare center shall not count towards the seventy-five (75) square feet recreational requirement.

(6) All outdoor lighting shall be directed away from residential properties in accordance with the provisions of Section 520 of the Horry County Zoning Ordinance.

(7) All facilities shall submit a detailed site plan for review and approval by the Planning Staff before the facility goes into operation.

(8) All facilities shall be operated and housed in a permanent structure. All such structures shall meet requisite fire and building codes and the required site plan shall be approved by Horry County Staff prior to receiving permission to operate the facility.

(9) All facilities are hereby precluded from operating in residential subdivisions where deed restrictions or covenants do not specifically permit day care facilities/centers. Each applicant must sign a sworn statement certifying that the proposed facility in the proposed location is specifically permitted by the deed restrictions. If it is determined that the location is in violation of deed restrictions, the approval to operate a day care center shall be automatically revoked.

(10) All proposed facilities shall be physically inspected for zoning compliance prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

(11) No group care facility shall be located on the same street within five hundred (500) feet of another residential center, measured from the nearest property lines of the group care facility.

(Ord. No. 67-88, 4-18-89; Ord. No. 17-93, § 1, 4-20-93; Ord. No. 10-94, § 1, 3-15-94)