

Zoning Project - Little Explorers Daycare

I am currently a Licensed in-home daycare provider. As of now I am zoned and licensed to have 6 kids under the age of 5, plus 2 school agers (8 total). I receive phone calls almost daily from families looking for childcare. I would love to help more of those families and I have the space in my home for that. I am seeking zoning approval to have my license expanded to have 8 children in my care. The zoning approval is for up to 12, but according to the state license department I would only be allowed 8 unless I hire someone. At this time I have no plan to do so.

Little Explorers Daycare follows the school district 20 calendar and I have kids here full time during the school year. I am closed for all the breaks and snow days according to D20. In the summer I do offer care 2-3 days per week. My hours of operation are 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

I do believe I have ample parking to accommodate this change. Since my home is located on a corner lot there is about 140 feet from my driveway to the corner stop sign where families can park for the 5 minutes it takes to bring their child to my door for drop off/pick up. I also have room in my driveway for them if there is a need for them to be close to the door. Families rarely are all dropping off/picking up at the same time. They are pretty staggered anywhere from 7-9 is my drop off time. Pick up is usually from 3-4:30.

My home also backs up to Cottonwood creek, this provides us with ample space between our home and neighbors behind us. They will not be disturbed by kiddos playing in the yard. I have a corner lot, plenty of outdoor play space to accommodate this change.