**Family Day Care Home Occupancies**

**Macon-Bibb County**

**Business Development Services**

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***PLANNING & ZONING IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO PLANS BEING SUBMITTED TO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION PERMITS ARE ISSUED***

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES**

1. Family Day Care Home 4 to 6 clients with no more than 2 clients incapable of self-preservation.
2. Two means of egress required complying with the following:
3. A door directly to the outside with a minimum of 32 inches of clear open width.
4. A window operable from the inside without the use of tools. A clear opening providing opening a minimum of 5.7 sq. ft. with a minimum width of 20 inches and a minimum height of 24 inches. The sill shall not be greater than 44 inches above finished floor.
5. Smoke detectors are required in the dwelling unit and in areas occupied by the clients for sleeping. These smoke detectors shall be wired to the house electrical system and be provided with battery backup power.
6. Vertical openings shall be separated from the remainder of the home by 20-minute rated fire doors (1 ¾ inch solid wood doors or equivalent.)
7. Basic safety checks of the house electrical and mechanical systems.
8. Fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 10. Check with Macon Fire Prevention for types, sizes, and locations.
9. Portable and fuel fired heaters are not allowed in Family Day Care Occupancies.
10. Provide screens to protect clients from hot surfaces.
11. Family Day Care Homes located in Macon-Bibb County will need a Business License. License application will be required to be signed by the Building Inspector and a Fire Prevention Officer.

***THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AS THE CODES AND LAWS ARE AMENDED OR CHANGED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE.***

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