



HOME DAY CARE GUIDELINES

This summary provides general guidelines to help you understand the City regulations that govern a home day care. We encourage you to check with the Planning Department or go to the city website at www.mansfield-tx.gov for more details.

Any activities conducted out of a residence as a part of full time business or for monetary gain is governed by the Home Occupation Restrictions in Section 7800.B.6 of the Mansfield Zoning Ordinance. The activities must be operated so that it is clearly incidental and subordinate to the use of the residence for dwelling purposes. Any day care service operated out of a residence is subject to the Home Occupation Restrictions, including the following:

1. No more than **four (4)** children under the age of sixteen (16) years may be kept at a residence at any one time apart from their parents or guardians for **compensation**. The total number of children under the age of sixteen (16) years allowed on the premises at any one time, including those kept without compensation and those who reside on the premises, cannot exceed eight (8).
2. Only members of the family residing on the premises may be employed.
3. No internal or external alterations, special construction or features may be made to the premises to accommodate the business.
4. No signage or advertising of any type may be posted on the premises.
5. No exterior identification of the home occupancy or variation from the residential character of the residence or any accessory building may be made.

The City of Mansfield does not license home day care businesses, and does not conduct inspections of premises to certify compliance with any State of Texas licensing requirements. A State of Texas license for home day care does NOT supersede the Home Occupancy Restrictions of the Mansfield Zoning Ordinance.