

CITY OF WAMEGO

INFORMATION FOR DAY CARE PROVIDERS

Prospective day care providers who will operate within residential districts in the City of Wamego zoning jurisdiction should be aware that the Wamego Board of Zoning Appeals must approve the day care proposal. The purpose is to identify and review any adverse impacts the day care may have on the environs of the subject property, such as inadequate parking, traffic issues for child safety, noise out of keeping with a residential area, unsecured areas, unsightly equipment storage, etc. If problems are identified, the Board may impose conditions to mitigate the problems, such as provision of parking, privacy fencing, access requirements, etc. These provisions must be in place before the day care may operate in the jurisdiction, or within a time-frame specified by the Board. Although the character of residential areas must remain “residential”, the City does allow certain business-like activities including day care, by special use permit granted by the Board. A hearing before the Board provides a forum where neighbors can express any concerns.

The provider must apply for a special use permit at the Wamego City Office, 430 Lincoln Ave., or contact the City Office at (785) 456- 9119 to make special arrangements if this is not possible. The application fee is \$40 if care will be provided in the applicant’s own residence, and \$90 if a child care center is proposed. The City will provide the applicant with information to navigate the review process. The City is responsible for preparing the hearing notification, for publication in the Times, Pottawatomie County newspaper and also notifies surrounding property owners in the case of a child care center. A notice of the hearing will also be posted at the site. Notification must occur at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing.

Following approval by the Board and satisfaction of all required conditions, the provider may conduct the day care indefinitely, without the need for periodic renewal, however the approval does not transfer to any other location or to any other provider at the approved location. A small sign identifying the day care may be posted on the house. Although not anticipated, the Board of Zoning Appeals would be required to review the special use permit if a review petition stating problems with regard to the day care has been submitted and signed by fifty percent of all owners of property within two hundred feet (if in the City) or one thousand feet (if in the County).