

Policy P307 Family Day Care and Child Day Care Centres

Responsible Business Unit/s	Development Services
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Affected Business Unit/s	Development Services

Policy Objectives

The objective of this Planning Policy is to ensure that Family Day Care and Child Day Care Centres on zoned land do not adversely impact on neighbouring properties due to noise penetration or adverse visual impact on the streetscape. The Policy also expresses 'in principle' support for the establishment of Child Day Care Centres on reserved land.

Policy Scope

This Planning Policy applies to Family Day Care or Child Day Care Centres on zoned land within the district of the City of South Perth. For the purposes of this Planning Policy the terms 'Family Day Care' and 'Child Day Care Centre' have the same meaning as they do in Town Planning Scheme 6, which are as follows. 'Family Day Care' means a child care service provided to children in a private dwelling in a family or domestic environment but does not include a Child Day Care Centre. 'Child Day Care Centre' means any land or building used for the daily or occasional care of children in accordance with the *Community Services (Child Care) Regulations 1988* but does not include a Family Day Care.

Policy Statement

1. Development requirements

(a) Family Day Care - Screening and arrangement of playing spaces:

The drawings submitted in support of an application for planning approval for a Family Day Care must demonstrate that external playing space available for the children is:

- (i) of the minimum area and dimensions prescribed under the City's Town Planning Scheme No. 6;
- (ii) fully fenced;
- (iii) for the exclusive use of the dwelling in which the Family Day Care is situated; and
- (iv) arranged so as to minimise noise penetration on neighbouring dwellings.

(b) Child Day Care Centres:

(i) Car parking and access

The applicant must demonstrate that there are adequate vehicle access areas on site for parents dropping off and picking up children.

The drawings submitted in support of an application for planning approval of a Child Day Care Centre must demonstrate that all car parking bays are screened to the satisfaction of the City. The screening is to ensure that the bays are not visually dominant when viewed from the street and do not detract from the harmony of the streetscape. This screening is to be in the form of landscaping and may also include a screen wall.

(ii) External playing spaces

(A) External playing spaces must be

- (I) arranged so as to minimise noise penetration onto adjacent properties; and
- (II) completely enclosed to maintain a sufficient standard of security for the children and privacy for adjoining residents. External playing spaces must be enclosed by a 1.8 metre high fence constructed of:
 - (a) brick;
 - (b) timber of a design satisfactory to the City;
 - (c) corrugated fibre-cement sheeting; or
 - (d) other material approved by the City.

Outdoor playing spaces must not be enclosed by open picket fences.

(B) Outdoor playing spaces adjacent to a street must be enclosed by a 1.8 metre high brick fence set back from the street boundary. The setback area is to accommodate sufficient landscaping, to ensure that the fence is not visually dominant when viewed from the street and that it does not detract from the harmony of the streetscape.

2. Internal playing spaces

The applicant must demonstrate that the internal layout of a Family Day Care Centre or Child Day Care Centre is arranged to minimise noise penetration on neighbouring dwellings. In deciding whether an applicant has satisfied this requirement, officers may have regards to:

- (i) the location of internal playing spaces;
- (ii) the setback of internal playing spaces from the property boundaries; and
- (iii) the location and orientation of any major openings.

3. Possible future Child Day Care Centres on reserves

While placing restrictions on privately funded Child Day Care Centres on zoned land, the City would be prepared to support the establishment of publicly or privately funded Child Day Care Centres on appropriate school sites and other public reserves.

When the City receives an application for a Child Day Care Centre on a school site or other public reserve, it will undertake public consultation about the proposal. The City will give local public notice of the proposal for two weeks, inviting submissions to be made. The City will consider any submissions before deciding whether or not to approve the proposal. These applications will be referred to a Council meeting for determination or for a recommendation to the responsible authority.

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

City of South Perth Town Planning Scheme No. 6
Community Services (Child Care) Regulations 1988
Community Services (Outside School Hours Care) Regulations 2002

Other Relevant Policies / Key Documents

P308: Signs
City of South Perth Strategic Plan 2017-2027