



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Larry W. Shifflett
Fire Chief

To: Adam Fletcher

From: Fire Chief *Larry W. Shifflett*

Subject: 1214 Windsor Drive

Date: July 14, 2014

In regards to the rezoning request for a Major Family Day Home located at 1214 Windsor Drive, the Fire Department has no objections to granting the request.

I have had our response records researched from January 1, 2008 to date, and as the attached report indicates, I can see no indication that day care operations generate more emergencies than other occupancies. As you can see by the report, the populations at these day care operations range from 12 to 169 children. The highest number of responses was for the Boy's & Girls Club, located in the Simms Building, and The Harrisonburg Rockingham Day Care Center, located in the Muhlenberg Church on East Market Street. In both cases, most of the responses were related to false or unintentional fire alarms, and were associated with the entire building, rather than just the day care operation.

Also, you can see at the bottom of this report that since January 1, 2008 we have responded to addresses on Nelson Drive a total of 20 times. While it is steep, we have never had any issues negotiating the hill on Nelson Drive.

As far as Windsor Drive, we have responded to Windsor Drive a total of ten times since June 11, 2010. Of those ten responses, five were for the 1214 Windsor Drive address, with four of the responses being for EMS calls, and one response, by just a Deputy Fire Marshal, for an unauthorized burn.

Windsor Drive has approximately 19 feet of pavement in front of the 1214 Windsor Drive address. This is just one foot less than what the State Fire Code requires for Fire Lanes on private property. The road does narrow to about 15 feet of pavement at the end of the road. As with Nelson Drive, our personnel have not reported any issues traveling Windsor Drive. However, this does not mean that the road should not be improved.

The Department of Social Services requires a license to operate a day care facility that accommodates 12 children. Annual inspections, including fire inspections, are a requirement of that licensing process. The Fire Department is notified by Social Services when these inspections are due. The attached list of day care operations was generated by our inspection files as a result of past Social Services notifications. According to Don Driver, Social Services Director, Ms. Dorsey has applied to Social Services for a license

to expand her day care operation. Therefore, Ms Dorsey's operation would be added to the attached list, and be subject to Fire Department inspections.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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July 10, 2014

To: Chief Shifflett

From:

Captain Miller

Subject: Child Day Care Study

The following is a synopsis of the responses since January 1, 2008 to child daycare facilities that are identified in our records management system:

Facility	Address	Fire	EMS	Total	Population
A Smiley Daycare	1661 Virginia Avenue	2	0	2	99
EMU Early Learning Center	1600 College Avenue	11	2	13	25
Shining Star Daycare	202 Emerson Lane	0	1	1	38
Boy's & Girls Club	620 Simms Avenue	25	10	35	75
Good Shepherd	991 Chicago Avenue	0	2	2	123
Roberta Webb	400 Kelley Street	1	0	1	50
Good Shepherd	342/352 Neff Avenue	0	3	3	169
Brian Mayes Karate	81 Betts Court	0	0	0	50
Harrisonburg/Rham Day Care	281 East Market Street	26	6	32	111
Building Bridges	1203 South Dogwood Drive	0	0	0	12
Woodland Montessori	1350 Peach Grove Avenue	0	1	1	60
Community Preschool	70 South High Street	0	3	3	25
Minnieland	1941 Evelyn Byrd Avenue	6	1	7	150
Koontz Family Daycare	627 South Mason Street	0	0	0	12
Second Home Daycare	282 East Water Street	1	0	1	85
Westover Preschool	305 South Dogwood Drive	0	0	0	35
TOTAL		72	29	101	1,119

Additionally, there have been 11 fire responses and 9 EMS responses for a total of 20 responses on Nelson Drive since January 1, 2008.

Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have regarding this report.

Larry Shifflett

From: Driver, Don (VDSS) [Don.Driver@dss.virginia.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 12:49 PM
To: Larry Shifflett
Cc: Driver, Don (VDSS)
Subject: RE:

Larry,

I spoke with our Licensing Division in Verona. As per policy, anyone wanting to operate a day care program of more than 5 children, or 4 children under 2 years of age, must be licensed by Va. Dept. of Social Services. Ms. Dorsey, 1214 Windsor Rd., Harrisonburg, Va., has applied for and is in the process of completing all requirements to be properly licensed by VDSS to care for children. It is anticipated she will be fully licensed and in compliance with VDSS policy in the near future.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Don Driver, Jr.

From: Larry Shifflett [<mailto:Larry.Shifflett@harrisonburgva.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 11:22 AM
To: Driver, Don (VDSS)
Subject:

Don,

Please do not forget to check to see if you have a permit, or an application for a permit, for Erica Dorsey, at 1214 Windsor Drive, for a child care facility.

Thanks.

Larry