



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 19, 2008**

DATE: April 3, 2008

SUBJECT: U-3170-07-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW for a family day care for nine (9) children; located at 5809 S. 5th Rd. (RPC #21-028-077)

APPLICANT:

Isabel Torrico
5809 5th Road South
Arlington, Virginia 22204

CM RECOMMENDATION:

Renew, subject to the conditions in the staff report, with a review by the County Board in three (3) years (April 2011).

ISSUES: This is a review of a family day care for nine (9) children and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: This is a use permit review for a family day care for up to nine (9) children. The program has operated successfully and without complaints since approved by the County Board in April 2007. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the family day care use permit, subject to all previous conditions, and with a County Board review in three (3) years (April 2011).

BACKGROUND: The applicant has operated a family day care in Arlington County for nine (9) children for the past eight (8) years, one of those years at the subject location. The children in the applicant's care range in age from newborns to 13 year olds and the hours of operation of the family day care are from 6 a.m. until midnight, Monday through Saturday. These hours of operation permit the applicant to provide child care services for either special occasions or emergency situations – however the applicant's typical hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

DISCUSSION: The family day care occupies approximately three rooms—two on the first level (a large play room and a smaller bedroom) and one in the basement (a large play room). An exit from the play room on the first floor leads to the enclosed rear yard. A driveway in the front yard creates a safe area for parents to pick-up and drop-off children on-site, and additional street parking is available. Child Care staff has inspected the subject family day care on various occasions and reports that the applicant is in compliance with County child care codes.

County Manager: _____

Staff: Roberto Ruiz, DCPHD, Planning Division

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Since Use Permit Approval (April 21, 2007):

Use Permit Conditions: The family day care home operates in compliance with all use permit conditions.

County Child Care Office: The County Child Care Office reports that the applicant is in compliance with County child care codes.

Community Code Enforcement: The Community Code Enforcement office reports that there are no issues regarding the continuation of this use.

Police Department: The Police Department reported no issues with this use permit.

Fire Marshal's Office: The Fire Marshal's Office has not expressed any issues or concerns regarding the continuation of this use.

Civic Association: The Glencarlyn Civic Association received notification of this application. The association president forwarded the use permit renewal notice to association members, but to date the association has not provided comment (see attached).

CONCLUSION: This family day care home has operated in compliance with the approved use permit conditions. Pick-up and drop-off areas are adequate and the fenced rear yard provides an outdoor play area. The County's Child Care staff reports that the use is operating in compliance with County child care codes. Therefore, it is recommended that the use permit be renewed, subject to all previous conditions, with a review by the County Board in three (3) years (April 2011).

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

April 21, 2007

Approved use permit (U-3170-07-1) for a family day care home for nine (9) children, newborns to 13 years, Monday through Saturday, 6:00 a.m. until midnight with a review in one (1) year (April 2008).

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to meet the requirements of the Child Care Ordinance, Community Code Enforcement Office, Environmental Health Bureau, and the Fire Marshal's Office, including securing the appropriate assembly permit prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
2. The applicant agrees that parents of children receiving care shall escort their children both to and from the home at all times.
3. The applicant agrees that the hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. until midnight.