



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

New Administrative Code Control Child Care Feasibility Study

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The Way It Was:

Previously, child care requirements related to land use were codified solely in Section 414 et seq. of the Planning Code. Under this control, an office or hotel development project proposing the net addition of 50,000 or more gross square feet of office or hotel space must provide a licensed child care facility or pay an in-lieu fee. The only projects exempted from this requirement are projects for the State of California, the US Federal Government, Redevelopment Agency projects, Port of San Francisco projects.

The Way It Is Now:

The adopted Ordinance requires a City agency, or a private developer that receives City funds for a development project to prepare a feasibility study for providing an on-site child care center whenever it plans to construct or purchase a building, lease more than 50 percent of space in a private building for more than one year, or alter more than 50 percent of the space in an existing building. Projects of less than 50,000 sf or that will include child-care are exempted.

The feasibility study is to include (*indicates data available in the Child Care Needs Assessment produced by the local planning council):

- description of the proposed development project;
- estimated total cost of the project;
- number of City employees within a two-to-three mile radius of the project;
- number of City employees who have indicated they would use the child care center;
- number and ages of children 3 months to five years old in the target area*;
- number* of existing child care centers serving the general public in the area*;
- licensed capacity of existing child care centers in the target area*;
- number of vacant spaces in existing child care centers in the area*;
- estimated start-up cost for construction or renovation of space for an on-site child care facility and identification of any source of funding;

- estimated cost of appliances, permanent fixtures, furnishings and equipment to appropriately furnish the child care center; and
- estimated annual cost of providing the space for the child care center.

Project sponsors should consult with the Department of Children, Youth and their Families. DCYF shall be responsible for providing all of the necessary data on the child care needs generated by a specific project. DCYF will provide all of the applicable/needed data on child care needs related to a specific project. DCYF will provide the child care data for demographics, existing area deficiencies, availability and pricing.

The feasibility study must be submitted to the City Administrator, funding entities, and the Board of Supervisors prior to the submission of an environmental evaluation application, building permit application or other city approvals. In all cases, the feasibility study is to be completed prior to project-related funding requests approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The Link to signed legislation:

Board File No. 101094	Ord. No. 0001-11	Administrative Code - Child Care Centers for City Projects and City-Funded Private Projects http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/ordinances11/o0001-11.pdf
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