



OVERVIEW

"Family Care Home" is a home with support and supervisory personnel that provides room and board, personal care, and habilitation services in a family environment for not more than six (6) resident persons with disabilities as defined in NCGS §131D-2.1(9).

"Person with disabilities" is a person with a temporary or permanent physical, emotional, or mental disability including, but not limited to, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, hearing and sight impairments, emotional disturbances, and orthopedic impairments but not including mentally ill persons who are dangerous to others as defined in NCGS § 168A-3(7a).

PERMITTED IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES

For the purpose of zoning, Family Care Homes are permitted as a single-family dwelling and are allowed in any residential zoning district. However, they may not be permitted in homes that do not meet the North Carolina Residential Building Code (mobile homes). Contact a Building Inspector at 336-641-3616 for more information about other requirements of the NC State Building Codes.

APPROVAL PROCESS

A State of North Carolina Family Care Home Permit is required for all Family Care Homes. The applicant will need to contact the state Division of Health Service Regulation at <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/flofch.html> for more information.

The applicant should apply for a Family Care Home Permit through the Guilford County Enterprise Permitting and Licensing (EPL) Civic Access Portal. A Planner will issue a Zoning Certificate if the Family Care Home will be located in the proper zoning district and will operate in a site built or modular home. If the applicant is leasing or renting the property, a notarized statement of permission from the property owner to operate the Family Care Home is required at the time of application submittal.

Once a Zoning Certificate is issued by Planning, and if a permit is required, the applicant must submit the required permit fee by contacting the Permitting Section at 336-641-3707 for the cost of the permit.

The permit will involve a building inspection and, if the residence is on a septic system, an evaluation and review by the Environmental Health Division, which can be contacted at 336-641-7613 for more information.

The residence may also be subject to a fire inspection. The applicant must contact the Fire Marshal's office at 336-641-7565 for more information.

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