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## Construction Industry Communication #36

**From:** Amit Ghosh, Chief Building Official  
**Re:** Home Daycares  
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### **Background:**

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (ODCY) regulates Type A and Type B daycare home providers. As part of the licensure requirements, ODCY requires an inspection performed by Building & Zoning Services (BZS) for Type A family daycare homes. To ensure all requirements are met and the process is streamlined, the following document must be followed:

### **Definitions from Ohio Building Code:**

**Type A Family Daycare:** 7 to 12 children (or 4 to 12 children if 4 children are under 2 years of age) cared for in the provider's home. The provider's own children under 6 years of age must be included in the total count.

**Type B Family Daycare:** 1 to 6 children cared for in the provider's personal home. No more than 3 children may be under the age of 2. The provider's own children under 6 years of age must be included in the total count.

Please note: Anyone can provide care for no more than 6 children or no more than 3 children under the age of 2 years in their home without an ODCY license.

### **Procedure:**

- Type B family daycare homes do not require Zoning approval or a building inspection.
- Type A family daycare homes are only allowed in certain zoning districts and may require a council variance. Applicant should contact a BZS zoning representative to inquire about Type A family daycare home zoning requirements at [zoninginfo@columbus.gov](mailto:zoninginfo@columbus.gov)
- Once the council variance is approved (if applicable), and Zoning Clearance has been issued, the applicant may request an inspection by completing part two of the Miscellaneous Services Application and select Structural as the Type of Inspection.
- When payment is made, the applicant will receive a non-permit

inspection (NPI) number and may then contact the Building Inspection Manager to schedule an in-home inspection.

- A building inspector will perform the inspection using the checklist provided by ODCY. The completed form will be attached to the NPI record and emailed to the applicant within two business days of the inspection.

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