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RESIDENTIAL CARE

Foster Care - Lodging

Personal Care Home – Board & Care

I _____ am/am not a licensed caretaker by the State of Georgia. I will be opening a facility
(print owners name) (circle one)

to accommodate _____ residents, all of which shall be adults/children.
(Circle One)

*I also confirm that at no time will I have more than _____ residents who are not capable of self-preservation (can get out of the building on their own in an emergency) because of physical or mental disability. I understand that if at any time I have four (4) or more residents that are incapable of self-preservation or cannot meet slow evacuation (evacuate the building in less than 13 minutes), I must notify the Department of Human Resources, and my facility will then be classified as Health Care. _____

(initial)

Choose one of the following occupancies which describes your facility:

CHILDREN ONLY

_____ 3 or less = Lodging

_____ 4 – 16 = Lodging Occupancy

ADULTS ONLY

_____ 3 or less = Board & Care

_____ 4 – 6 = Board & Care (Small)

Plan review requires you to submit four sets of floor plans to our office. Plans must show all walls, doors, windows, smoke detectors and dimensions of all rooms. All stairs, interior and exterior, should also be shown on plans.

If, at any time, I decide to increase the number of occupants, I must resubmit plans and re-permit.

Owner Signature _____

Date _____

Facility Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Foster Care (Lodging):

The requirements for **3 or less clients** are:

1. Completed "Residential Care" form by the owner. No other requirements.

The requirements for **4 – 16 clients** are:

1. Site Plan showing fire hydrant location with distance from the structure to the hydrant
2. Fire hydrant flow test – Minimum 1500 gpm @ 20 psi: to schedule a water flow test you can call the following: if your structure is in Cobb County or the City of Kennesaw call the Cobb County Water Department at 770-419-6328, or if you are in the City of Powder Springs call 770-943-8010
3. Fire sprinkler system
4. Full fire alarm system (pull station at each exit)
5. Fire extinguisher (minimum 2A10BC)
6. Smoke detectors in all bedrooms, hardwired with battery back-up.
7. Window size meets 5.7 square feet for sleeping areas (see exceptions)
8. 2 means of egress (see exceptions)

Personal Care Home (Board & Care):

The requirements for **3 or less clients** are:

1. Evacuation plan posted
2. Fire extinguisher (Minimum 2A10BC)
3. Rechargeable light (flashlight type)
4. Smoke detectors (hardwired) with battery back up.
5. Operable window in sleeping rooms

The requirements for **4 – 6 clients** are:

1. Site Plan showing fire hydrant location with distance from the structure to the hydrant
2. Fire hydrant flow test – Minimum 1500 gpm @ 20 psi: to schedule a water flow test you can call the following: if your structure is in Cobb County or the City of Kennesaw call the Cobb County Water Department at 770-419-6328, or if you are in the City of Powder Springs call 770-943-8010
3. Full fire alarm system (pull station at each exit).
4. Fire extinguisher (Minimum 2A10BC)
5. Window size meets 5.7 square feet for sleeping areas.
6. Smoke detectors in bedrooms, hardwired with battery back-up.
7. Living areas and hallway smoke detectors connected to alarm system.
8. Fire sprinkler system required.
9. Copy of state license (when issued)

These lists of requirements are NOT all inclusive. The above requirements are only to advise you of the major differences in these types of occupancies. An on-site inspection may reveal discrepancies that will need to be addressed before a release will be issued.