

1/26 Item 55 - Childcare Services IFC
CM Vela Amendment 1 – V1
Removing parking requirements for childcare service providers

Amend line 67-69

2. Make parking requirements for childcare services mirror these concepts: .5 space per employee for Day Care Services (General) and Day Care Services (Commercial).

To read as follows:

2. Eliminate parking requirements for Day Care Services (General) and Day Care Services (Commercial).

Reasoning:

Parking requirements can make it very difficult to convert a space from one use to another. In order to comply with parking requirements, someone trying to convert a space from another use to childcare may have to spend tens of thousands of dollars on expanding their parking. The property may already have maxed out their impervious cover and the inability to build the required parking could kill the entire project.

Some older homes that are the most affordable spaces available to a childcare provider were built before parking mandates and don't have any on-site parking.

Many childcare workers are working class and more likely to not own a car, and rely on public transit or someone giving them a ride to get to work. They may be family operations with multiple workers from the same family.

Removing parking requirements for childcare providers doesn't prevent them from providing on-site parking, but gives childcare providers the flexibility to provide parking based on their needs rather than imposing an arbitrary mandate.

In addition, on-site parking is likely to be built at the expense of outdoor space that could have been used as playground space for children.