

**TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 842**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO, AMENDING THE
MEAD LAND USE CODE WITH REGARD TO CHILD CARE CENTERS IN
RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE TOWN OF MEAD.**

WHEREAS, the Mead Land Use Code definition for Child Care Centers is inconsistent with the State licensing regulations for Family Child Care Homes; and

WHEREAS, Mead residents operating home-based child care facilities are discriminated against because the Town restricts the number of clients they can serve versus the number of clients the state allows in their state license; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees to encourage the operation of home-based child care facilities by removing unnecessary conflicts between the regulations of the State and the local land use regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, Weld County, Colorado, that:

Section 1. Section 16-1-150 Definitions, of the *Mead Municipal Code* is hereby amended by the deletion of the definitions of “child care center, large”, “child care center, small” and “child care center, home.”

Section 2. Section 16-1-150 Definitions, of the *Mead Municipal Code* is hereby amended by the addition of the following definitions:

“Child care center,” means a child care center as defined at Section 26-6-102 (1.5), C.R.S.

“Child care center, large,” means a child care center licensed by the state for sixteen (16) or more children.

“Child care center, small,” means a child care center licensed by the state for less than fifteen (15) children.

“Family child care home,” means a home-based facility licensed by the state for child care in a place of residence of the family or person for the purpose of providing less and twenty-four-hour care for children under the age of eighteen years who are not related to the head of such home.”

Section 3. Table 3.1 of Section 16-3-40, is amended by the replacement of the term “Home-based Day Care”, in the column titled “Specific Used Type”, with “Family Child Care Home.”

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided by law.

Section 5. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this

ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase is declared invalid.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

Section 7. Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than one copy of the adopted Code available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF May, 2017.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF MEAD

By Melissa C Mata
Melissa Mata, Interim Town Clerk

By Gary R Shields
Gary R. Shields, Mayor

