

Saanich increases number of kids allowed in home-based child care ^[1]

Bylaw amendments will mean up to 12 children will be allowed in home-based care, up from the current limit of five to eight, depending on the setting

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In an attempt to create more child-care spaces in the district, Saanich council is increasing the number of children permitted in licensed home-based care.

Bylaw amendments endorsed Monday will increase to 12 the number of children allowed in home-based care, up from the current limit of five children in homes in multi-unit buildings and up to eight in single- and two-family dwellings.

The amendments also exempt home-based care centres from restrictions that prohibited operating outside, restricted the amount of floor space that could be used in the home, and did not allow hiring non-resident staff.

Mayor Dean Murdock said the changes have the potential to create 200 new childcare spaces in the district, based on the home-based care facilities already operating.

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