

ORDINANCE NO. 2322

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BEND CODE CHAPTER 12.10 SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY ADDING AN EXEMPTION FOR NEW OR EXPANDED CHILD CARE FACILITIES

Findings:

- A. The high demand for child care in Bend and the limited supply has led to a significant shortage of spaces for needed childcare for the children of working parents across the economic spectrum. In fall of 2018, in excess of 6,000 child care spaces are needed for children younger than 6 years old.
- B. The cost to develop or expand child care facilities includes not only the cost of land, construction, and/or building improvements, but also the cost of associated permits and fees, including System Development Charges, most notably, Transportation System Development Charges. City Transportation System Development Charges (T-SDC) total \$18,639.00 per 1,000 square feet of space in a day care facility.
- C. The Bend Chamber of Commerce and the Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB) have both identified a lack of available and quality child care facilities as a key barrier to continued and expanded economic growth in the City of Bend. Council recognizes the necessity of accessible and affordable child care to the strength and vitality of the local economy.
- D. The City will be updating the T-SDC methodology in the next biennium, at which time the charge assessed to new and expanded child care facilities will be reassessed as part of a comprehensive review of the T-SDC charged for all types of development in the City.
- E. To provide a temporary path for the creation of new child care facility spaces, while the T-SDC methodology is reassessed, Council wishes to exempt new and expanded child care facilities from a portion of T-SDC for a period of two years.
- F. This exemption is intended to apply to any child care facility or day care facility, including preschools and registered or certified family care homes, as those terms are defined in the Bend Development Code.

Based on these findings, THE CITY OF BEND ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Bend Code Section 12.10.120 is amended by adding a new subsection (G) as follows:

- G. Development of new day care facilities or expansion of existing day care facilities are exempt from 70% of transportation SDCs. The exemption authorized by this subsection (G) will automatically sunset and cease to be effective as of December 31, 2020.

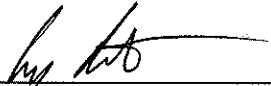
Section 2. Declaration of Emergency. Because of the high demand and current shortage of day care facilities, the City Council finds that this ordinance is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the public, and an emergency is declared to exist. This ordinance therefore becomes effective upon its adoption by Council.

Section 3. All other provisions of BC 12.10 remain in effect.

First Reading: December 5, 2018.

Second reading and adoption by roll call vote: December 19, 2018.

YES: Casey Roats, Mayor NO: none
Sally Russell
Bruce Abernethy
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Casey Roats, Mayor

ATTEST:



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mary A. Winters, City Attorney