

**Resolution Relating to**

COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING  
PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE EXPANSION IN RCO  
DISTRICTS

**RESOLUTION 5.14**

Sponsor(s): Councilor Carpenter

Introduced: 08/24/20

Referred to:

Action: adopted

Date: 08/24/20

Signed by Mayor: 09/08/20

**CITY OF BURLINGTON**

In the year Two Thousand Twenty .....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

- 1 That WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Phil Scott declared a State of Emergency in Vermont
- 2 because of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 and Mayor Miro Weinberger declared an emergency in
- 3 the City of Burlington on March 16, 2020, due to COVID-19; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Governor has issued orders, addenda and directives related to school and childcare
- 5 operations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19; and
- 6 WHEREAS, COVID-19 restrictions have increased the demand for preschool and daycares options
- 7 that are able to comply; and
- 8 WHEREAS, currently the Burlington Comprehensive Development Ordinance conditionally allows
- 9 small (less than 20 children) preschools and daycares in the RCO Districts when associated with a small
- 10 museum and restricts them to less than 50 percent of the gross floor area of the museum; and
- 11 WHEREAS, at least one facility, the Burlington Forest Preschool, has indicated that they are able to
- 12 increase capacity in a way that is compliant with COVID-19 protective measures to help address some of the
- 13 increase demand; and
- 14 WHEREAS, City staff agree that a zoning modification to conditionally allow large preschools and
- 15 daycares (greater than 20 children) associated with small museums within the RCO Districts and removing the
- 16 50 percent gross floor area restriction is appropriate, however, the legislative change will not be able to go
- 17 through the standard process prior to the fall preschool timeframe.
- 18 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves the temporary
- 19 allowance as a conditional use large preschools and daycares without the gross floor area restriction in the
- 20 RCO districts associated with a small museum during the current COVID-19 state of emergency; and
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests the Planning Commission to prioritize
- 22 review of an ordinance change to conditionally allow large preschools and daycares associated with small
- 23 museums in the RCO Districts without the 50 percent gross floor area restriction to be submitted to the
- 24 Council as soon as possible.

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Meagan Tuttle, Planning

RESOLUTION RELATING TO

COVID-19 Emergency Order Regarding Preschool And Daycare Expansion In RCO District

Adopted by the City Council

August 24, 2020

*[Signature]*

Clerk

Approved September 20, 20

*[Signature]*

Mayor

Attest:  
Lori Olberg  
Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator

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