



## City Council Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date: February 18, 2020			
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Consent	Discussion Only	Public Hearing X	Action/Discussion
Item Title: Hold a public hearing and discuss and consider approval of an Ordinance amending the City of Forney Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance by amending the parking, loading, and unloading requirements for a childcare use.			
Attachments: Draft Ordinance			

**Item Summary:**

Staff proposes a change to the off-street loading requirements for certain uses. Child-care uses are currently required to provide the following:

“Kindergartens, elementary schools, day schools, and similar child training and care establishments shall provide one (1) paved off-street pedestrian loading and unloading space for an automobile on a through, "circular" drive for each ten (10) students cared for (excluding child care in a residence). An additional lane shall also be required to allow pass by or through traffic to move while automobiles waiting or parked to pick up children occupy loading/unloading areas.”

The majority of these uses are now designed with traditional parking and guardians are required to enter the facility to check-in and check-out students. Based on this, staff proposes the following amended language:

Exception: A child-care establishment, and any other similar use, may be provided an exception from this requirement if the applicant provides a plan showing that there is acceptable traffic flow and parking without the circular drive. The City Engineer shall review the plan and make a recommendation to accept or deny the exception.

**Recommendation:**

On February 6, 2020, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval.