

GENERAL FACT SHEET

11-168

BILL NUMBER

BRIEF TITLE

Rescinding LMC 8.12 Small Family Child Care Homes

APPROVAL DEADLINE

REASON

Limited benefit to public health and high costs.

DETAILS

POSITIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

<p>The Health Department is proposing to rescind LMC 8.12 Small Family Child Care Homes. This ordinance regulates home based child care more stringently than required under State law and requires that anyone caring for two or three children from a different family be permitted and inspected. Lincoln is the only community in Nebraska with such a requirement. Currently there are less than 50 Small Family permits issued, caring for, at maximum, 150 children. The costs of doing such inspections, permitting, training, etc. are disproportionate to the limited public health benefit, since the risk of a community wide disease outbreak originating from a small home-based child care is small. Some of these providers will be able to become State licensed if they choose to do so. However, the majority of providers will no longer be regulated. The portion of staffing (0.55 FTE Senior Office Assistant) that previously handled the permitting, police records checks, mailings, etc. was eliminated in the FY12 budget. The portion of staffing that conducted inspections has been shifted to perform higher priority work, including conducting inspections in child care centers and food establishments.</p>	Sponsor	Health
	Program Departments, or Groups Affected	All automated departments
	Applicants/ Proponents	Applicant Judith A. Halstead, MS, Health Director City Department Health Other
<p>Discussion (Including Relationship to other Council Actions)</p>	Opponents	Groups or Individuals None identified. Basis of Opposition
	Staff Recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against Reason Against
	Board or Commission Recommendation	BY <input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken <input type="checkbox"/> For with revisions or conditions (See Details column for conditions)
	CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS (For Council Use Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Pass (As Amended) <input type="checkbox"/> Council Sub. <input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Do not Pass

