

1 Development or his or her designee if all ordinance requirements are met. If the
2 application is for a number of residents that exceeds eight (8) or does not otherwise
3 meet all ordinance requirements, the Little Rock Planning Commission will either
4 approve or deny. Any disabled person may reside in a group home, provided that:

- 5 1. Individuals whose tenancy would constitute a direct threat to the health or safety
6 of other individuals or whose tenancy would result in substantial physical
7 damage to the property of others as defined by 24 C.F.R. § 9.131(b)-(c), as
8 may be properly amended, shall not be allowed in such a home.
- 9 2. Any applicant or housing provider who operates a group home or intends to
10 operate a group home in which individuals required to register as sex offenders
11 under A.C.A. § 12-12-905 will reside shall provide a list of the offenders, the
12 nature of their offenses, and the registration level of each individual at the time
13 an application for a group home permit is submitted and upon the annual
14 renewal of a business license with the city. Any changes in the registration or
15 residency status of such an individual or if additional sex offenders become
16 residents this report shall be updated within ten (10) business days by the group
17 home operator or the agent thereof. Failure to adhere to this requirement will
18 result in the revocation of the group home permit.
- 19 3. Any person whose residency is restricted in any way by A.C.A. § 5-14-128 shall
20 not be allowed in such a home unless that person can show his or her tenancy
21 will not constitute a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals as
22 defined by 24 C.F.R. § 9.131(b)-(c), as may be properly amended.

23 (c) Issues that the planning commission will consider during its review of a family care
24 facility, group care facility, group home, parolee or probationer housing facility, or
25 rooming, lodging and boarding facility include, but are not limited to:

- 26 1. Spacing of existing similar facilities.
- 27 2. Existing zoning and land use patterns.
- 28 3. The maximum number of individuals proposed to be served, the number of
29 employees proposed and the type of services being provided.
- 30 4. The need and provision for readily available public or quasi-public
31 transportation.
- 32 5. Access to needed support services such as social service agencies, employment
33 agencies, and medical service providers.
- 34 6. Availability of adequate on-site parking.

1 (d) The fire marshal must approve the use of any structure proposed as a family care
2 facility, group care facility, group home, parolee or probation housing facility or
3 rooming, lodging and board facility.

4 (e) Family care facilities, group care facilities, group homes, and parole or probation
5 housing facilities shall be operated within any and all applicable licensing and
6 procedural requirements established by the State of Arkansas.

7 (f) Community-based, state-licensed, and supervised residential homes providing a
8 single family environment for developmentally disabled persons (as defined in A.C.A.
9 § 20-48-603) are exempt from any requirement to obtain a conditional use permit or
10 special use permit as follows:

- 11 1. Homes for not more than eight (8) such persons are permitted in all residential
12 zones.
- 13 2. Homes for more than eight (8) but fewer than sixteen (16) such persons are
14 permitted in all zoning districts where multi-family uses are allowed.
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16 **Section 6. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, clause, phrase, or word of this
17 ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall
18 not affect the remaining portion of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion
19 so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the ordinance.

20 **Section 7. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, including but not limited to Little Rock, Ark.,
21 Ordinance No. 18,228 (March 7, 2000), or parts of the same that are inconsistent with the provisions of this
22 ordinance area hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

23 **PASSED: April 21, 2026**

24 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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27 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

28 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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31 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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