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ORDINANCE #2026-05

Introduction: February 9, 2026

Adoption: March 23, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 375 "SANITARY STANDARDS" TO ADD REQUIREMENT FOR THE LICENSING AND INSPECTION OF CHILD-CARE CENTERS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 143 "FEES," SECTION 38 - SANITARY STANDARDS TO ADD FEE FOR INSPECTION AND LICENSING OF CHILD-CARE CENTERS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1

Chapter 375, Sanitary Standards is hereby amended and restated, in relevant part, by the addition of sections 107 through 110 as follows:

375-107 Definition

As used in this article, the following term(s) shall have the meaning indicated:

CHILD-CARE CENTER FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN AND NURSERY SCHOOL - Any house or other place where six or more children are received, cared for or kept, unattended by either their parents or legal guardians, for the purpose of providing such child or children with food, lodging, instruction or supervision for periods less than one day. This shall not include care by any person of a child related by blood or marriage or care of a child by any institution maintained by the State of New Jersey or by any municipality or by any incorporated charitable society or a Sunday nursery school maintained by a religious organization and carried on in its building used for religious and related purposes.

375-108 License Required: Application

No person shall conduct or maintain any nursery school for infants and children within the Village without first having obtained a license therefore from the Health Officer. Such license shall not be transferable and shall expire May 31 of each year.

- A. In addition to the license issued by the Health Officer, the operator of the childcare center must obtain and maintain a valid license from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF). Proof of this state license must be submitted to the Board of Health prior to the issuance of the local license.



- B. Both licenses shall be displayed in a prominent location within the center and in each building associated with the center.

375-109 License Fees, Term of License

A new or renewed license shall be required each June 1. The annual fee for such license shall be as set forth in Chapter 143, Fees, of the Code of South Orange Village.

375-110 Revocation or suspension of permit

Any permit issued for a Child Care Center may be revoked or suspended by the Village Health Department, for good cause, or in any case where an employee violates any of the state or local laws or ordinances. A business permit may also be revoked or suspended by the Village Health Department if such business is being managed, conducted or maintained without regard for the public health or health of patrons or without due regard for proper sanitation and hygiene.

- A. Any person aggrieved by the action of the Village Health Department in the revocation of a permit as provided within this article shall have the right of appeal to the Village Council upon such action.
- B. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Village Council, within 14 days after notice of the action complained of has been given, and shall consist of a written statement setting forth fully the grounds for the appeal.
- C. The Council shall set a time and place for hearing on such appeal, and notice of such hearing shall be given to the appellant.
- D. After such hearing, the Council may affirm, reverse or modify the action from which the appeal is taken.

SECTION 2

Chapter 143, Section 143-38, "Sanitary Standards" is hereby amended by the addition of the following entry below:

143-38 Sanitary Standards

Description	Code Section	Fee
Child-care center for infants and children and nursery school, initial and renewal fee	§ 375-109	\$150

SECTION 3

If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or



invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 4

All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith shall be and are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

SECTION 6

On passage this ordinance shall be codified.

Introduction – First Reading

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canning			X			
Greenberg		X	X			
Haskins			X			
Jones			X			
Lewis-Chang			X			
Zollman	X		X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was introduced on first reading by the Village Council at their regular meeting held on February 9, 2026.


Ojetti E. Davis
Village Clerk



Adoption – Second Reading

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canning	X		X			
Greenberg		X	X			
Haskins			X			
Jones			X			
Lewis-Chang			X			
Zollman			X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted on second reading by the Village Council at their meeting held on March 23, 2026.

Ojetti E. Davis
Village Clerk

Adopted:

Sheena C. Collum, Mayor

Attest:

Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk