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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SIERRA NEVADA MONTESSORI DBA MOUNTAIN VIEW MONTESSORI, 565 ZOLEZZI LANE, RENO, NV 89511, IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE, CASE #785, FROM THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SIERRA NEVADA MONTESSORI DBA MOUNTAIN VIEW MONTESSORI, located at 565 Zolezzi Lane, Reno, NV 89511, has requested a variance from Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)432A.5205.

A public hearing will be conducted on September 5, 2025, at 9:00 am by the Nevada State Board of Health to consider this request. This meeting will be held online and at physical locations, listed below.

Physical Locations:

Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)

Red Rock Trail Rooms A and B

280 S. Decatur Boulevard; Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

Hearing Room No. 303, 3rd Floor

4150 Technology Way; Carson City, Nevada 89706

Virtual Information:

Meeting Link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjVmMTM4MTQtMmYyOC00NmVjLTg4NWQtOTVIZWU1MzUyZGZl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e4a340e6-b89e-4e68-8eaa-1544d2703980%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22768e443d-3be6-48f0-9bb0-7e72f1276b8d%22%7d

Please Note: If you experience technical difficulties connecting online, please call into the meeting to participate by phone.

Join by Phone:

1-775-321-6111

Phone Conference ID Number: 402 212 427#

SIERRA NEVADA MONTESSORI DBA MOUNTAIN VIEW MONTESSORI, 565 ZOLEZZI LANE, RENO, NV 89511, is requesting a variance from NAC 432A.5205 which states:

NAC 432A.5205 Minimum staffing ratios; staff required to remain awake during duty hours at night.

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC32A.290 and 432A.546, a licensee of a child care center, child care institution, accommodation facility, facility for special events, nursery for infants and toddlers or special needs facility shall, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., abide by the following staffing levels in each classroom:

| Age of Child | Required Staff to Child Ratio | Group Size |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Less than 9 months of age | 1 caregiver for every 4 children | 8 |
| 9 months of age or older but less than 2 years of age | 1 caregiver for every 6 children | 12 |
| 2 years of age or older but less than 3 years of age | 1 caregiver for every 9 children | 18 |
| 3 years of age or older but less than 4 years of age | 1 caregiver for every 12 children | 24 |
| 4 years of age or older but less than 5 years of age | 1 caregiver for every 13 children | 26 |
| 5 years of age or older | 1 caregiver for every 18 children | 36 |

2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 432A.546, a licensee of a child care center, child care institution, accommodation facility, facility for special events, nursery for infants and toddlers or special needs facility which is operated between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. shall abide by the following staffing levels in each classroom:

| Age of Child | Required Staff to Child Ratio | Group Size |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Less than 3 years of age | 1 caregiver for every 6 children | 12 |
| 3 years of age or older | 1 caregiver for every 10 children | 20 |

3. Every member of the staff of a child care center, child care institution, accommodation facility, facility for special events, nursery for infants and toddlers or special needs facility who is on duty at night shall remain awake during duty hours.

4. A licensee of a child care facility is allowed to utilize all useable and measured square footage within a classroom to meet the requirements of NAC 432A.250 if the requirements for ratios and groups described in subsections 1 and 2 are maintained within such classrooms.

5. If a licensee of a child care facility care for children of different age groups as described in subsections 1 and 2, the licensee shall abide by the required staff to child ratio and group size based on the age of the youngest child in the group.

SIERRA NEVADA MONTESSORI DBA MOUNTAIN VIEW MONTESSORI (hereinafter "Applicant") current standards require larger groups of children 32-35 (ages 3-6) with one teacher and one assistant larger, allowing children to develop independence, self-sufficiency and capability. Applicant claims its system-based approach to teaching and learning where classrooms can maintain larger class sizes within a safe and orderly environment.

The authority of the State Board of Health to consider and grant a variance from the requirements of a regulation is set forth at NRS 439.200 and NAC 439.200 – 439.280.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed variance may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may submit written testimony at least five days before the scheduled hearing to:

Secretary, State Board of Health
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300

Carson City, NV 89706

Anyone wishing to testify for more than five minutes on the proposed variance must petition the Board of Health at the above address. Petitions shall contain the following: 1) a concise statement of the subject(s) on which the petitioner will present testimony; 2) the estimated time for the petitioner's presentation.

This notice has also been posted at the following locations:

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH), 4150 TECHNOLOGY WAY, CARSON CITY, NV
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WEBSITE:

<http://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/BOH/Meetings/Meetings/>