SEOUL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE ON INFANT CARE

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 (Purpose)

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONSThe purpose of this Ordinance is to contribute to enhancing the welfare of infants and young children and their family by improving the quality of protection and education of infants and children in Seoul Metropolitan City and by helping their custodians engage in social and economic activities without difficulties pursuant to the Child Care Act. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>

Article 1-2 (Definitions)

The terms used in this Ordinance shall be defined as follows: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>

1. The term "infants and young children" menas pre-schoolers of less than six years old;
2. The term "child care" means social welfare services for supporting child care centers and domestic nurturing so that infants and young children can be protected and nurtured in healthy and safe conditions and can be provided with education fit for the developmental characteristics of infants and young children;
3. The term "child care center" means a facility that provides care services for infants and young children entrusted by their custodians;
4. The term "custodian" means a person in parental authority, a guardian, or any other person who has de facto custody of an infant;
5. The term "child care teachers and staff" means a person who takes charge of the care and health management of infants and young children or counselling services for custodians in a child care center or other affairs concerning the management, operation, etc. of the child care center, such as the principal, child care teachers, or other staff of a child care center;
6. The term "after-school care" means care services provided mainly for elementary school children who need after-school protection, such as children of dual-income couples;
7. The term "child care center vehicle" means a vehicle reported by the principal of a child care center as a school bus for children to the chief of the competent police station under Article 52 of the Road Traffic Act in order to transport infants and young children to and from the child care center.

Article 2 (Responsibility)

The Mayor of the Seoul Metropolitan Government (hereinafter referred to as the "Mayor") shall be responsible for healthily nurturing infants and children jointly with their custodians. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005>

Article 2-2 (Formulation and Implementation of Child Care Plan)

The Mayor shall formulate and implement a child care plan including the following:

1. Basic direction-setting for child care programs;

2. Matters regarding the establishment of, and demand for and supply of, child care centers;
3. Matters regarding child care teachers and staff;
4. Matters regarding the operation and evaluation of child care centers;
5. Matters regarding child care expenses;
6. Matters regarding the management and improvement of the safety of child care center vehicles;
7. Other matters necessary to provide child care services.
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019]

CHAPTER II CHILD CARE POLICY COMMITTEE

Article 3 (Establishment)

CHAPTER II CHILD CARE POLICY COMMITTEEPursuant to Article 6 of the Child Care Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), the Seoul Metropolitan Government (hereinafter referred to as the "Seoul Government") shall establish the Seoul Metropolitan Government Child Care Policy Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"). <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>

Article 4 (Composition)

(1) The Committee shall be comprised of not more than 15 members, including one chairperson and one vice chairperson. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>
(2) Members of the Committee shall be commissioned or appointed by the Mayor from among the following persons: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5524, Aug. 5, 2013>
1. Child care specialists;
2. Principals of child care centers and representatives of child care teachers;
3. Representatives of custodians or persons who represent public interests;
4. Related public officials;
5. Persons recommended by the Seoul Metropolitan Council; <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>
6. and 7. Deleted. <by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005>
(3) The chairperson and the vice chairperson shall be elected by and from among Committee members. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009>
(4) The Committee shall have one executive secretary who shall be appointed by the Mayor from among public officials of the Seoul Government. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

Article 5 (Functions)

The Committee shall deliberate on the following matters regarding child care programs of the Seoul Government: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014; Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
1. Matters regarding the establishment of a child care plan and an annual implementation plan;
2. Matters regarding the establishment of child care centers and the entrustment of operation of such centers;
3. Matters regarding child care fees that users of a child care center shall pay;
4. Matters regarding the establishment of a support center for childcare and the entrustment of operation of the center;
5. Matters regarding the designation of educational and training facilities;
6. Matters regarding the entrustment of provision of continuing education;
7. Matters regarding the establishment and operation of after-school child care centers;
8. Matters regarding the management and improvement of the safety of child care center vehicles;
9. Other matters brought before the Committee by the chairperson for deliberation in connection with child care services.

Article 6 (Term of Office of Committee Members)

(1) The term of office of each Committee member shall be two years and may be renewed consecutively only once: Provided, That the term of office of a Committee member for filling a vacancy shall be the remaining term of his or her predecessor. <Amended by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001; Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>
(2) The term of office of a related public official who serves as a Committee member shall coincide with the term of service in his or her position. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009>

Article 6-2 (Dismissal)

The Mayor may dismiss a commissioned Committee member from office, if the commissioned Committee member is sentenced to

imprisonment without labor or greater punishment, is found unable to perform his or her duties due to long-term mental or physical debility, or is deemed unsuitable to perform his or her duties as a Committee member due to long-term absence from office, etc. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>

Article 7 (Duties of Committee Chairperson)

(1) The Committee chairperson shall represent the Committee and have general supervision and control of administrative affairs of the Committee. <Amended by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>
(2) The Committee chairperson shall convene and preside over meetings. <Amended by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009>
(3) The vice chairperson shall assist the Committee chairperson and shall act on behalf of the Committee chairperson if the chairperson is unable to perform his or her duties in extraordinary circumstances. <Amended by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001>
(4) The executive secretary shall perform administrative affairs of the Committee in compliance with the Committee chairperson's orders and shall prepare and retain meeting minutes. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001>

Article 8 (Meetings)

(1) Committee meetings shall be classified into regular meetings and special meetings. <Amended by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001>
(2) A regular meeting shall be held yearly; while a special meeting shall be convened by the Committee chairperson whenever he or she considers it necessary or upon request by the Mayor or at least 1/3 of incumbent Committee members to convene a meeting. <Amended by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>
(3) When the Committee chairperson intends to convene a meeting, he or she shall give written notice to each Committee member of the date, time, and venue for the meeting and the agenda items tabled for deliberation, not later than seven days before the opening date of the meeting: Provided, That the foregoing shall not apply to emergent or unavoidable cases. <Amended by Ordinance No. 3891, Jul. 16, 2001; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>
(4) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and any decision thereof shall require the concurring vote of at least a majority of those present.
(5) Deleted. <by Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009>

Article 8-2 (Disqualification of, Challenge to, or Refrainment by, Committee Members)

(1) A Committee member shall be disqualified from deliberation in any of the following cases:
1. If a Committee member or his or her spouse or ex-spouse is a party to a case or a joint right holder or a joint obligor with the party to a case;
2. If a Committee member is a blood-relative of a party to a case;
3. If a Committee member or a corporation to which the member belongs was or is involved in a case as the agent of a party to the case;
4. If it is deemed that a Committee member has a direct interest in connection with a party to a case.
(2) A party to a case may file a challenge against a Committee member, if there is a ground to believe that it is difficult to expect the impartiality in deliberation from the Committee member.
(3) A Committee member may, if there is a ground under paragraph (1) or (2), refrain from deliberation on the relevant case. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009>

Article 9 (Allowances for Committee Members)

Committee allowances may be paid to Committee members who attend a meeting of the Committee within budgetary limits: Provided, That the foregoing shall not apply to public officials who serve as Committee members but attend a meeting in direct connection with their duties. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009>

CHAPTER III SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILDCARE

Article 10 (Establishment and Operation)

CHAPTER III SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILDCARE(1) The Mayor shall establish and operate the Seoul Support Center for Childcare (hereinafter referred to as the "Support Center for Childcare") to provide information about care of infants and children and counselling services. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014>
(2) The Mayor may establish and operate role-play facilities exclusive for infants and children (hereinafter referred to as “role-play facility”) to promote the development of infants and children and support child care services. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

Article 11 (Standards for Establishment)

(1) The standards for the establishment of the Support Center for Childcare shall be governed by Article 12 of the Enforcement Decree of the Child Care Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Decree"). <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014>

(2) The standards for the establishment of role-play facilities shall be governed by Article 53 of the Child Welfare Act and Article 27 of the Enforcement Rule of the same Act. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>

Article 12 (Functions)

(1) The Support Center for Childcare shall conduct the following activities in addition to the business activities under Article 13 (1) 1 through 9 of the Decree: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014>

1. Establishing and advertising the child care information network;
2. Researching demand and needs of citizens for child care services and research on the actual state of the use of child care centers;
3. Other activities that the Mayor considers necessary in relation to child care.

(2) Each role-play facility shall perform the following activities: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012>

1. Providing infants and children with opportunities to participate in creative hands-on lessons;
2. Providing chid care services;
3. Comprehensively assisting child care centers and other related institutions;
4. Other activities the Mayor considers necessary.

Article 13 (Organization)

(1) The Mayor may employ computer operators, dieticians, nurses, and other staff for the Support Center for Childcare in addition to the staff under Article 7 (2) of the Act, when deemed necessary for the Center's activities. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014>

(2) If deemed necessary, the Mayor may entrust a person with the operation of the Support Center for Childcare pursuant to Article 26-2 of the Decree. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014>

(3) If deemed necessary, the Mayor may entrust a non-profit corporation with the operation of a role-play facility. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

(4) If the operation of the Support Center for Childcare or a role-play facility (hereinafter referred to as the "Center or other facility") is entrusted to a person pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3), the head of the Center or other facility shall be appointed or dismissed by the trustee with the Mayor's approval, and other workers shall be appointed or dismissed by the head of the Center or other facility who shall then report it to the Mayor. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>

(5) The term of office of the civilian head of the Center or other facility shall be three years and may be renewed consecutively. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

(6) Other necessary matters concerning the operation of the Center or other facility shall be prescribed by rule of the Seoul Government. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

Article 13-2 (Guidance and Supervision)

If necessary, the Mayor may require the Center or other facility to report, examine, or inspect matters concerning the operation of the Center or the facility or other necessary matters. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

Article 14 (Steering Committee)

(1) The Center or other facility shall have a steering committee to deliberate on the following matters: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

1. Matters concerning the establishment of an operation plan;
2. Matters concerning the implementation of major business affairs;
3. Other matters on which the head of the Center or other facility requests deliberation.

(2) The steering committee shall be comprised of not more than nine members, including one chairperson and one vice chairperson. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>

(3) Members of the steering committee shall be commissioned by the head of the Center or other facility from among the following persons: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012>

1. Related public officials;
2. Child care teachers and staff;
3. Persons who have knowledge and a good reputation in connection with child care.

(4) The term of office of each committee member shall be two years but may be renewed consecutively. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>
(5) The head of the Center or other facility shall serve as the committee chairperson, and the steering committee shall have one executive secretary who shall perform administrative affairs of the steering committee. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>
(6) A majority of the members of the steering committee shall constitute a quorum, and any decision thereof shall require the concurring vote of at least a majority of those present. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008>
(7) Allowances, travel expenses, and other actual expenses shall be paid to the members who attend or participate in the steering committee within budgetary limits. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>

CHAPTER IV AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Article 15 (Establishment of Child Care Centers)

CHAPTER IV AFTER-SCHOOL CAREThe Seoul Government shall establish after-school child care centers preferentially in industrial areas and areas densely populated with low-income families but may establish such child care centers by extending, renovating, or repairing existing child care centers, welfare facilities under the Social Welfare Services Act, religious facilities, school facilities, and other similar facilities. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>

Article 16 (Standards for Child Care Centers)

The standards for facilities and the standards for the operation of such facilities that shall be met by each after-school child care center shall conform to Articles 9 and 23 of the Enforcement Rule of the Child Care Act. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012>

Article 17 (Education and Training)

The Mayor shall conduct educational programs for the enhancement of qualities of after-school child care teachers.

CHAPTER V ENSURING OF SAFETY OF CHILDREN, SUCH AS PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

Article 18 (Installation of Closed Circuit Televisions)

CHAPTER V ENSURING OF SAFETY OF CHILDREN, SUCH AS PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSEPersons who establish and operate child care centers shall install and manage closed circuit television cameras under the Personal Information Protection Act and other relevant statutes or regulations (hereinafter referred to as "closed circuit televisions"), to ensure the safety of infants and young children by preventing child abuse and to ensure the security of child care centers pursuant to Article 15-4 (1) of the Act.
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015]
[Previous Article 18 moved to Article 22 <by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>]

Article 19 (Investigation and Inspection of Closed Circuit Televisions)

To ensure that the rights of information subjects, such as infants, young children, and child care teachers and staff, are not infringed due to the installation or management of closed circuit televisions at child care centers or the inspection of the relevant video information, the Mayor shall investigate and inspect the actual state of installation, management, and inspection at least once a year pursuant to Article 15-5 (4) of the Act.
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015]
[Previous Article 19 moved to Article 23 <by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>]

Article 19-2 (Safety Management of Child Care Center Vehicle)

(1) The Mayor shall investigate and inspect the actual state of the safety management of child care center vehicles operated for transporting infants and young children to and from child care centers at least once every year and shall take measures to reflect the results of such investigation and inspection in evaluation, accreditation, etc. of child care centers. <Amended by Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
(2) Where a child care center vehicle is operated, no child care teachers and staff shall commit any act that harms the safety of infants and young children in violation of related statutes or regulations including the Road Traffic Act, such as failure to check whether all the infants on board alight from the vehicle after its operation is completed. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6922, Oct. 4, 2018]

Article 19-3 (Management of Meals Provided by Child Care Center)

(1) The principals and child care teachers and staff of child care centers shall thoroughly manage health, nutrition, hygiene, etc. to provide infants and young children with meals in a balanced, hygienic, and safe manner.
(2) The Mayor shall investigate and inspect the actual state of the management of meals provided by child care centers at least once every year and shall take measures to reflect the results of such investigation and inspection in evaluation, accreditation, etc. of child care centers.
(3) No child care teachers and staff shall provide meals at a cost not more than the appropriate cost of meals per child that the Minister of Health and Welfare determines according to the guidelines on child care programs for the relevant year. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6922, Oct. 4, 2018]

Article 20 (Persons Obliged to Report Child Abuse)

(1) The Mayor may notify child care teachers and staff including principals of child care centers that they are obliged to report child abuse, pursuant to Article 26 (2) of the Child Welfare Act.
(2) The Mayor may educate child care teachers and staff including principals of child care centers on the duty to report child abuse.
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015]
[Previous Article 20 moved to Article 24 <by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>]

CHAPTER VI TREATMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHILD CARE TEACHERS AND STAFF

Article 21 (Improvement of Working Conditions for Child Care Teachers and Staff)

CHAPTER VI TREATMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHILD CARE TEACHERS AND STAFFThe Mayor shall endeavor to improve working conditions for child care teachers and staff, for the mental and physical protection of infants and young children and quality enhancement of child care. <Amended by Ordinance No. 7044, Mar. 28, 2019>
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015]
[Previous Article 21 moved to Article 25 <by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>]

Article 21-2 (Responsibilities of Child Care Teachers and Staff)

(1) No child care teachers and staff shall inflict physical pains or mental pains, such as yelling or using abusive language to infants and young children under their care.
(2) Child care teachers and staff shall fulfill their duty to pay attention in performing their business affairs, to protect lives and safety of infants and young children and to prevent danger.
(3) No child care teachers and staff shall leave infants and young children unattended without them in a closed space, such as a toilet and a warehouse inside or outside the child care center. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
[This Article Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6569, Jul. 13, 2017]

CHAPTER VII COSTS AND EXPENSES

Article 22 (Subsidization)

CHAPTER VII COSTS AND EXPENSES(1) Pursuant to Article 36 of the Act and Article 24 (1) of the Decree, the Mayor may subsidize all child care facilities fully or partially, within budgetary limits, for the following costs and expenses: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009; Ordinance No. 5295. May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5673, Mar. 20, 2014; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015; Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015; Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
1. Costs of the establishment, extension, renovation, and repairing of child care centers;
2. Personnel expenses for child care teachers and staff;
3. Costs of teaching materials and tools;
4. Costs of and expenses incurred in the establishment and operation of the Support Center for Childcare;
5. Expenses for the education and training of workers, including continuing education;
6. Operating expenses for extended care, after-school care, and care of infants, disabled children, children of multi-cultural families, and other disadvantaged children;
7. Subsidization of eligible recipients under the National Basic Living Security Act and children of low-income families for nursery fees and meal expenses;
8. Expenses to be incurred in placing assistant teachers or substitute teachers;
9. Expenses for installing closed circuit televisions;
10. Expenses for managing and improving the safety of child care center vehicles;
11. Other costs and expenses incurred in programs the Mayor considers necessary for the invigoration of child care services.

(2) If a private or domestic child care center observes the ceiling of child care fees prescribed by the Mayor, gives priority to children of low-income families in admission to such center, and operates it in compliance with the same standards as those for national and public child care centers, the Mayor may subsidize it for personnel expenses for child care teachers and staff, within budgetary limits. <Amended by Ordinance No. 5295. May 22, 2012>
(3) The Mayor may fully or partially subsidize a role-play facility for the expense incurred in establishing and operating such facility, within budgetary limits. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 4880, Nov. 11, 2009>
[Moved from Article 18 <by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>]

Article 23 (Order to Return Costs, Expenses, or Subsidies)

If the founder and operator of a child care center, the head of the Center or other facility, or a person who conducts an entrusted educational or training program falls under any of the following subparagraphs, the Mayor may order such person to return all or part of the expenses or subsidies already paid or granted: <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5869, May 14, 2015>
1. If the operation of a child care center is suspended, discontinued, or cancelled;
2. If a subsidy has been expended for purposes other than the original purpose of business;
3. If the person has obtained a subsidy by fraud or other improper means;
4. If the person violates the Act or an order issued pursuant to the Act.
[Moved from Article 19 <by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>]

CHAPTER VII SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Article 24 (Education)

CHAPTER VII SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS(1) The Mayor shall endeavor to improve the quality of care services for infants and young children by conducting educational programs for child care teachers and staff. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4306, Sep. 30, 2005; Ordinance No. 5295. May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 5956, Jul. 30, 2015>
(2) Each year, the Mayor shall educate child care teachers and staff on human rights to protect the human rights of infants and young children and to prevent abuse. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 5956, Jul. 30, 2015>
(3) The Mayor may conduct education to custodians of infants and young children on their growth and how to raise them, their human rights, the roles of custodians, etc. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6569, Jul. 13, 2017>
(4) The Mayor may provide safety education to child care teachers and staff, infants, and young children to manage and improve the safety of child care center vehicles. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
(5) The Mayor may subsidize the education under paragraphs (3) and (4), within budgetary limits. <Newly Inserted by Ordinance No. 6569, Jul. 13, 2017; Ordinance No. 7049, Mar. 28, 2019>
[Moved from Article 20 <by Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>]

Article 25 (Evaluation of Child Care Centers)

Pursuant to Article 43-2 of the Social Welfare Services Act and Article 27-2 of the Enforcement Rule of the same Act, the Mayor shall conduct evaluations of child care centers and may provide special support to child care centers designated as exemplary centers as a result of such evaluations. <Amended by Ordinance No. 4714, Nov. 13, 2008; Ordinance No. 5295, May 22, 2012; Ordinance No. 6016, Oct. 8, 2015>
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