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1	CITY OF SEATTLE
2	ORDINANCE
3	COUNCIL BILL
4	title
5 6	AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; modifying use and development standards to remove regulatory impediments and allow the siting of child care centers throughout the
0 7	city; and amending Sections 23.42.050, 23.44.006, 23.44.022, 23.45.510, 23.45.570,
8	23.47A.004, 23.47A.013, 23.48.005, 23.48.605, 23.48.620, 23.48.720, 23.48.732,
9	23.49.011, 23.50.028, and 23.84A.018 of the Seattle Municipal Code.
10 11	body BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:
12	Section 1. Section 23.42.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
13	123939, is amended as follows:
14	23.42.050 Home occupations
15	A home occupation of a person residing in a dwelling unit is permitted outright in all zones as an
16	accessory use to any residential use permitted outright or to a permitted residential conditional
17	use, subject to the following requirements:
18	* * *
19	D. The occupation may be conducted within any legal principal or accessory dwelling
20	unit or structure((, provided that licensed child care may be conducted only in the principal
21	structure or in an accessory dwelling unit)). Home occupations may be conducted by residents of
22	a principal dwelling unit and/or an accessory dwelling unit. The presence of one home
23	occupation does not preclude a resident of another legally established dwelling unit on the
24	property from also conducting a home occupation.
25	* * *
26	F. To preserve the residential appearance of the dwelling unit, there shall be no evidence
27	of the home occupation visible from the exterior of the structure, provided that:

1	1. Outdoor play areas for ((licensed)) child care programs and outdoor activities
2	customarily incidental to the residential use are permitted;
3	2. Interior and exterior alterations and additions that comply with the development
4	standards of the zone are permitted;
5	3. Alterations and additions that are required by licensing or construction codes
6	for ((licensed)) child care programs are permitted; and
7	4. Signs identifying the home occupation are permitted subject to compliance with
8	Chapter 23.55, Signs.
9	* * *
10	H. Except for ((licensed)) child care programs, no more than two persons who are not
11	residents of a dwelling unit on the lot may work in a home occupation, regardless of whether the
12	persons work full or part-time or are compensated.
13	* * *
14	((L. Licensed child care programs in the home of the operator are limited to 12 children
15	per day including the children of the operator.))
16	Section 2. Section 23.44.006 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
17	125791, is amended as follows:
18	23.44.006 Principal uses permitted outright
19	The following principal uses are permitted outright in single-family zones:
20	* * *
21	G. Uses in existing or former public schools:
22	1. Child care centers, public or private schools, educational and vocational
23	training for the disabled, adult evening education classes, nonprofit libraries, community centers,

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1	community programs for the elderly, and similar uses are permitted outright in existing or former
2	public schools, provided that any new children's play equipment or active play area associated
3	with the use shall be located at least ((30 feet from any other lot in a single-family zone, and at
4	least)) 20 feet from any other lot in any ((other)) residential zone.
5	2. Other non-school uses in existing or former public schools, if permitted
6	pursuant to procedures established in Chapter 23.78.
7	3. Additions to existing public schools only when the proposed use of the addition
8	is a public school;
9	* * *
10	J. Commercially operating horse farms in existence before July 1, 2000, on lots greater
11	than ten acres, conforming to the limits on the number and location of farm animals and
12	structures containing them set forth in Section $23.42.052((-))$;
13	K. Child care centers.
14	Section 3. Section 23.44.022 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
15	125791, is amended as follows:
16	23.44.022 Institutions
17	A. Institutions ((Identified)) identified. The following institutions may be permitted as
18	conditional uses in single-family zones:
19	Community centers
20	((Child care centers))
21	Private schools
22	Religious facilities
23	Libraries

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1	Existing institutes for advanced study
2	Other similar institutions
3	The following institutions are prohibited in single-family zones:
4	Hospitals
5	Colleges
6	Museums
7	Private clubs
8	Vocational schools
9	* * *
10	D. General provisions
11	1. New or expanding institutions in single-family zones shall meet the
12	development standards for uses permitted outright in Sections 23.44.008 through 23.44.020
13	unless modified elsewhere in this subsection 23.44.022.D or in a Major Institution master plan.
14	2. The establishment of a ((ehild care center in a legally established elementary or
15	secondary school or community center, or establishment of a)) shelter for homeless youths and
16	young adults in a legally established elementary or secondary school, is not considered a new use
17	or an expansion of the institutional use provided that:
18	a. The use does not violate any condition of approval of the existing
19	institutional use;
20	b. The use does not require expansion of the existing structure;
21	c. Any new children's play area is located at least 30 feet from any other
22	lot in a single-family zone, and at least 20 feet from any lot in a multifamily zone;

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d. ((If the use is a shelter, the)) The occupants are enrolled students of the
 established school.

3 3. Institutions seeking to establish or expand on property that is developed with
4 residential structures may expand their campus up to a maximum of 2 1/2 acres. An institution
5 campus may be established or expanded beyond 2 1/2 acres if the property proposed for the
6 expansion is substantially vacant land.

E. Dispersion. ((1.)) The lot line of any proposed new or expanding institution, other than child care centers ((locating in legally established institutions)), shall be located ((six hundred (600))) 600 feet or more from any lot line of any other institution in a residential zone, with the following exceptions:

((a.)) <u>1.</u> An institution may expand even though it is within ((six hundred (600)))
 <u>600</u> feet of a public school if the public school is constructed on a new site subsequent to
 December 12, 1985.

((b.)) <u>2.</u> A proposed institution may be located less than ((six hundred (600))) <u>600</u>
feet from a lot line of another institution if the Director determines that the intent of the
dispersion criteria is achieved due to the presence of physical elements such as bodies of water,
large open spaces or topographical breaks or other elements such as arterials, freeways, or
nonresidential uses, which provide substantial separation from other institutions.

19 ((2. A proposed child-care center serving not more than twenty-five (25) children
20 which does not meet the criteria of subsection E1 of this section may be permitted to locate less
21 than six hundred (600) feet from a lot line of another institution if the Director determines that,
22 together with the nearby institution(s), the proposed child care center would not:

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1	a. Create physical scale and bulk incompatible with the surrounding
2	neighborhood;
3	b. Create traffic safety hazards;
4	c. Create or significantly increase identified parking shortages; or
5	d. Significantly increase noise levels to the detriment of surrounding
6	residents.))
7	* * *
8	Section 4. Section 23.45.510 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
9	125791, is amended as follows:
10	23.45.510 Floor area
11	* * *
12	D. The following floor area is exempt from FAR limits:
13	1. All stories, or portions of stories, that are underground.
14	2. The floor area contained in a Landmark structure subject to controls and
15	incentives imposed by a designating ordinance, if the owner of the Landmark has executed and
16	recorded an agreement acceptable in form and content to the Landmarks Preservation Board,
17	providing for the restoration and maintenance of the historically significant features of the
18	structure, except that this exemption does not apply to a lot from which a transfer of
19	development potential (TDP) has been made under Chapter 23.58A, and does not apply for
20	purposes of determining TDP available for transfer under Chapter 23.58A.
21	3. The floor area contained in structures built prior to January 1, 1982, as single-
22	family dwelling units that will remain in residential use, regardless of the number of dwelling
23	units within the existing structure, provided that:

1	a. No other principal structure is located between the existing residential	
2	structure and the street lot line along at least one street frontage. If the existing residential	
3	structure is moved on the lot, the floor area of the existing residential structure remains exempt if	
4	it continues to meet this provision; and	
5	b. The exemption is limited to the gross floor area in the existing	
6	residential structure as of January 1, 1982.	
7	4. Portions of a story that extend no more than 4 feet above existing or finished	
8	grade, whichever is lower, excluding access, (see Exhibit A for 23.45.510), in the following	
9	circumstances:	
10	a. Apartments in LR zones;	
11	b. Rowhouse and townhouse developments in LR zones, provided that all	
12	parking is located at the rear of the structure or is enclosed in structures with garage entrances	
13	located on the rear facade; and	
14	c. All multifamily structures in MR and HR zones.	
15	Exhibit A for 23.45.510	
16	Area exempt from FAR	
	Exhibit A for 23.45.510: Area exempt from FAR	
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17	permitted uses.	
18	5. For rowhouse and townhouse developments and apartments, floor area within a	
19	story, or portion of a story, that is partially above grade if all of the following conditions are met:	

1	a. The story, or portion of the story, that is partially above grade is used
2	for parking or other accessory uses and has no additional stories above;
3	b. The average height of the exterior walls enclosing the floor area does
4	not exceed one story, measured from existing or finished grade, whichever is lower;
5	c. The roof area above the exempt floor area is predominantly flat, is used
6	as amenity area, and meets the standards for amenity area at ground level in Section 23.45.522;
7	and
8	d. At least 25 percent of the perimeter of the amenity area on the roof
9	above the floor area is not enclosed by the walls of the structure.
10	6. Enclosed common amenity area in HR zones.
11	7. As an allowance for mechanical equipment, in any structure more than 85 feet
12	in height, 3.5 percent of the gross floor area that is not otherwise exempt under this subsection
13	23.45.510.D.
14	8. In HR zones, ground floor commercial uses meeting the requirements of
15	Section 23.45.532, if the street level of the structure containing the commercial uses has a
16	minimum floor-to-floor height of 13 feet and a minimum depth of 15 feet.
17	9. The floor area of required bicycle parking for small efficiency dwelling units or
18	congregate residence sleeping rooms, if the bicycle parking is located within the structure
19	containing the small efficiency dwelling units or congregate residence sleeping rooms. Floor area
20	of bicycle parking that is provided beyond the required bicycle parking is not exempt from FAR
21	limits.
22	10. Common walls separating individual rowhouse and townhouse dwelling units.

1	11. In the Northgate Urban Center, up to 15,000 square feet of floor area in
2	residential use in a structure built prior to 1990 that is located on a split-zoned lot of at least
3	40,000 square feet in size.
4	12. In MR and HR zones, all gross floor area in child care centers.
5	* * *
6	Section 5. Section 23.45.570 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
7	125603, is amended as follows:
8	23.45.570 Institutions
9	* * *
10	J. Dispersion. The lot line of any new or expanding institution other than child care centers
11	((locating in legally established institutions)) shall be located 600 feet or more from any lot line of
12	any other institution in a residential zone with the following exceptions:
13	1. An institution may expand even though it is within 600 feet of a public school if
14	the public school is constructed on a new site subsequent to December 12, 1985.
15	2. A proposed institution may be located less than 600 feet from a lot line of another
16	institution if the Director determines that the intent of dispersion is achieved due to the presence
17	of physical elements such as bodies of water, large open spaces or topographical breaks, or other
18	elements such as arterials, freeways, or nonresidential uses, that provide substantial separation
19	from other institutions.
20	Section 6. Table A for Section 23.47A.004 of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section
21	was last amended by Ordinance 125558, is amended as follows:
22	23.47A.004 Permitted and prohibited uses
23	* * *

Table A for 23.47A.004Uses in Commercial zones					
Permitted and prohibited uses by zone ¹		one ¹			
Uses	NC1	NC2	NC3	C1	C2
* * *					
E. INSTITUTIONS					
E.1. Institutions not listed below	10	25	Р	Р	Р
E.2. Major institutions subject to the provisions of Chapter 23.69	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
E.3. Religious facilities	Р	Р	Р	P	Р
E.4. Schools, elementary or secondary	Р	Р	Р	P	Р
E.5. Child care centers	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>

KEY

A = Permitted as an accessory use only

CU = Administrative Conditional Use (business establishment limited to the multiple of 1,000 square feet of any number following a hyphen, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010)

CCU = Council Conditional Use (business establishment limited to the multiple of 1,000 square feet of any number following a hyphen, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010)

P = Permitted

S = Permitted in shoreline areas only

X = Prohibited

CU-25 = Conditionally permitted; use is limited to 25,000 square feet, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010

10 = Permitted, business establishments limited to 10,000 square feet, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010

20 = Permitted, business establishments limited to 20,000 square feet, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010

25 = Permitted, business establishments limited to 25,000 square feet, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010

35 = Permitted, business establishments limited to 35,000 square feet, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010

40 = Permitted, business establishments limited to 40,000 square feet, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010

50 = Permitted, business establishments limited to 50,000 square feet, pursuant to Section 23.47A.010

Footnotes to Table A for 23.47A.004

¹ In pedestrian-designated zones, a portion of the street-level street-facing facade of a structure along a designated principal pedestrian street may be limited to certain uses as provided in subsection 23.47A.005.D. In pedestrian-designated zones, drive-in lanes are prohibited (Section 23.47A.028).

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² In addition to the provisions in this Chapter 23.47A, uses that entail major marijuana activity are subject to the requirements of Section 23.42.058.

³ For commercial uses with drive-in lanes, see Section 23.47A.028.

⁴ Subject to subsection 23.47A.004.H.

⁵ Permitted at Seattle Center.

⁶ Bed and breakfasts in existing structures are permitted outright with no maximum size limit.

⁷ Medical services over 10,000 square feet within 2,500 feet of a medical Major Institution Overlay boundary require conditional use approval, unless they are included in a Major Institution Master Plan or dedicated to veterinary services.

⁸ Medical service uses that are located in an urban center or urban village, which are in operation at such location before August 1, 2015, and that routinely provide medical services on a reduced fee basis to individuals or families having incomes at or below 200 percent of the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 USC 9902(2), are limited to 20,000 square feet. This provision does not apply to medical service uses that are subject to a Major Institution Master Plan.

⁹ Office uses in C1 and C2 zones are permitted up to the greater of 1 FAR or 35,000 square feet as provided in subsection 23.47A.010.D. Office uses in C1 and C2 zones are permitted outright with no maximum size limit if they meet the standards identified in subsection 23.47A.010.D.

¹⁰ Gas stations and other businesses with drive-in lanes are not permitted in pedestriandesignated zones (Section 23.47A.028). Elsewhere in NC zones, establishing a gas station may require a demonstration regarding impacts under Section 23.47A.028.

¹¹ Grocery stores meeting the conditions of subsection 23.47A.010.E are permitted up to 23,000 square feet in size.

¹² Subject to subsection 23.47A.004.G.

¹³ Permitted pursuant to subsection 23.47A.004.D.7.

¹⁴ Residential uses may be limited to 20 percent of a street-level street-facing facade pursuant to subsection 23.47A.005.C.

¹⁵ Residential uses are conditional uses n C2 zones under subsection 23.47A.006.A.3, except as otherwise provided above in Table A for 23.47A.004 or in subsection 23.47A.006.A.3.

¹⁶ Congregate Residences that are owned by a college or university, or are a sorority or fraternity, or are owned by a not-for-profit entity or charity, or are licensed by the State and provide supportive services; are permitted outright. All others are prohibited. Supportive services include meal service, cleaning service, health services or similar.

¹⁷ Congregate Residences that are owned by a college or university, or are a sorority or fraternity, or are owned by a not-for-profit entity or charity, or are licensed by the State and provide supportive services; are permitted outright. All others are permitted only in locations within urban villages and urban centers. Supportive services include meal service, cleaning service, health services or similar.

¹⁸ Permitted at Seattle Center; see Section 23.47A.011.

¹⁹ Flexible-use parking is subject to Section 23.54.026. In pedestrian-designated zones, surface parking is prohibited adjacent to principal pedestrian streets pursuant to subsection 23.47A.032.B.2.

²⁰ Permitted as surface parking only on surface parking lots existing as of January 1, 2017. In pedestrian-designated zones, surface parking is prohibited adjacent to principal pedestrian streets pursuant to subsection 23.47A.032.B.2.

²¹ Permitted outright, except prohibited in the SAOD.

²² See Chapter 23.57, Communications regulations, for regulation of communication utilities.

²³ A recycling use that is located on the same development site as a solid waste transfer station may be permitted by administrative conditional use, subject to the requirements of subsection 23.47A.006.A.7.

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2	Section 7. Section 23.47A.013 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
3	125791, is amended as follows:
4	23.47A.013 Floor area ratio
5	* * *
6	B. The following gross floor area is not counted toward FAR:
7	1. All stories, or portions of stories, that are underground;
8	2. All portions of a story that extend no more than 4 feet above existing or
9	finished grade, whichever is lower, excluding access;
10	3. Gross floor area of a transit station, including all floor area open to the general
11	public during normal hours of station operation but excluding retail or service establishments to
12	which public access is limited to customers or clients, even where such establishments are
13	primarily intended to serve transit riders;
14	4. On a lot containing a peat settlement-prone environmentally critical area,
15	above-grade parking within or covered by a structure or portion of a structure, if the Director
16	finds that locating a story of parking below grade is infeasible due to physical site conditions
17	such as a high water table, if either:
18	a. The above-grade parking extends no more than 6 feet above existing or
19	finished grade and no more than 3 feet above the highest existing or finished grade along the

1	structure footprint, whichever is lower, as measured to the finished floor level or roof above,
2	pursuant to subsection 23.47A.012.A.3; or
3	b. All of the following conditions are met:
4	1) No above-grade parking is exempted by subsection
5	23.47A.013.B.4.a;
6	2) The parking is accessory to a residential use on the lot;
7	3) Total parking on the lot does not exceed one space for each
8	residential dwelling unit plus the number of spaces required for non-residential uses; and
9	4) The amount of gross floor area exempted by this subsection
10	23.47A.013.B.4.b does not exceed 25 percent of the area of the lot in zones with a height limit
11	less than 65 feet, or 50 percent of the area of the lot in zones with a height limit 65 feet or
12	greater; and
13	5. Rooftop greenhouse areas meeting the standards of subsections 23.47A.012.C.5
14	and 23.47A.012.C.6;
15	6. Bicycle commuter shower facilities required by subsection 23.54.015.K.8; and
16	7. The floor area of required bicycle parking for small efficiency dwelling units or
17	congregate residence sleeping rooms, if the bicycle parking is located within the structure
18	containing the small efficiency dwelling units or congregate residence sleeping rooms. Floor area
19	of bicycle parking that is provided beyond the required bicycle parking is not exempt from FAR
20	limits((-)) ;
21	8. All gross floor area in child care centers.
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1	Section 8. Section 23.48.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
2	125603, is amended as follows:
3	23.48.005 Uses
4	* * *
5	D. Required street-level uses
6	1. One or more of the following uses listed in this subsection 23.48.005.D.1 are
7	required: (i) at street-level of the street-facing facade along streets designated as Class 1
8	Pedestrian Streets shown on Map A for 23.48.240, except as required in subsection 23.48.205.C;
9	(ii) at street-level of the street-facing facades along streets designated on Map A for 23.48.640;
10	and (iii) at street-level of the street-facing facades along streets designated as Class 1 or Class 2
11	streets shown on Map A for 23.48.740:
12	a. General sales and service uses;
13	b. Eating and drinking establishments;
14	c. Entertainment uses;
15	d. Public libraries;
16	e. Public parks;
17	f. Arts facilities;
18	g. Religious facilities; ((and-))
19	h. Light rail transit stations((-)) <u>; and</u>
20	i. Child care centers.
21	2. Standards for required street-level uses. Required street-level uses shall meet
22	the development standards in subsection 23.48.040.C, and any additional standards for Seattle
23	Mixed zones in specific geographic areas in the applicable subchapter of this Chapter 23.48.

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2	Section 9. Section 23.48.605 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
3	125558, is amended as follows:
4	23.48.605 Uses in SM-U zones
5	* * *
6	C. Required street-level uses
7	1. One or more of the following uses listed in this subsection 23.48.605.C.1 are
8	required at street level along the street-facing facades abutting streets shown on Map A for
9	23.48.605:
10	a. General sales and service uses;
11	b. Eating and drinking establishments;
12	c. Entertainment uses;
13	d. Public libraries;
14	e. Public parks;
15	f. Arts facilities;
16	g. Religious facilities;
17	h. Human services uses;
18	i. Child care <u>centers ((facilities</u>)); and
19	j. Light rail transit stations.
20	2. Standards for required street-level uses. Required street-level uses shall meet
21	the development standards in subsection 23.48.040.C.
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Map A for 23.48.605

Locations of street-level use requirements



1 Section 10. Section 23.48.620 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 2 125791, is amended as follows: 3 23.48.620 Floor area ratio in SM-U zones 4 * * * 5 C. Floor area exempt from FAR. In addition to the exempt floor area identified in 6 subsection 23.48.020.B, the following floor area is exempt from FAR limits: 7 1. The floor area contained in a Landmark structure subject to controls and incentives imposed by a designating ordinance if the owner of the Landmark has executed and 8 9 recorded an agreement acceptable in form and content to the Landmarks Preservation Board 10 providing for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the historically significant features of the 11 structure including but not limited to a certificate of approval for the modification of the 12 Landmark. This exemption does not apply to a lot from which a Landmark TDR or TDP has 13 been transferred under Chapter 23.58A and does not apply for purposes of determining TDR or 14 TDP available for transfer under Chapter 23.58A; 15 2. Except in the SM-U/R 75-240 zone, uses identified in subsection 23.48.605.C, whether required or not, that meet the development standards of subsection 23.48.040.C; 16 17 3. Except in the SM-U/R 75-240 zone, uses identified in subsection 23.48.605.C 18 that abut and have access onto a mid-block corridor meeting the standards of subsection 19 23.48.640.F and the applicable standards in Section 23.58A.040; 20 4. Floor area for (($\frac{a \text{ preschool}}{a \text{ preschool}}$)) an elementary school(($\frac{1}{2}$)) or a secondary school, 21 which may include minimum space requirements for associated uses including but not limited to 22 academic core functions, child care, administrative offices, a library, maintenance facilities, food 23 service, interior recreation, and specialty instruction space, provided that;

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1	a. Prior to issuance of a Master Use Permit, the applicant shall submit a
2	letter to the Director from the operator of the school indicating that, based on the Master Use
3	Permit plans, the operator has determined that the development would meet the operator's
4	specifications; and
5	b. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit a
6	written certification by the operator to the Director that the operator's specifications have been
7	met;
8	5. Floor area used for theaters or arts facilities, which for the purposes of this
9	Section 23.48.620 may be operated either by for-profit or not-for-profit organizations;
10	6. Floor area in a vulnerable masonry structure included on a list of structures that
11	meet specified criteria in a rule promulgated by the Director under Section 23.48.627, provided
12	that the structure is retained for a minimum of 50 years according to the provisions that apply to
13	a qualifying "vulnerable masonry structure" TDR or TDP sending site in subsection
14	23.58A.042.F.3;
15	7. All gross floor area of a light rail transit station and related passenger
16	amenities;
17	8. All gross floor area of a human service use;
18	9. Floor area in enclosed portions of a mid-block corridor or other enclosed open
19	space feature that would be eligible for a bonus according to Section 23.48.624 on the lot where
20	the feature is located. The exemption applies regardless of whether a floor area bonus is
21	obtained;

1	10. Up to a maximum of 50,000 square feet of the floor area occupied by a City
2	facility, including but not limited to fire stations and police precincts, but not a City facility
3	predominantly occupied by office use; ((and))
4	11. Up to 25,000 square feet of a community center that is open to the general
5	public for a minimum of six hours per day, five days per week, 42 weeks per year; and ((-))
6	12. All gross floor area in child care centers.
7	* * *
8	Section 11. Section 23.48.720 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance
9	125432, is amended as follows:
10	23.48.720 Floor area ratio (FAR) in SM-UP zones
11	* * *
12	C. Floor area exempt from FAR. In addition to floor area that is exempt from FAR limits
13	according to subsection 23.48.020.B, the following floor area is exempt from FAR limits:
14	1. The floor area contained in a Landmark structure if the owner of the Landmark
15	has executed and recorded an agreement acceptable in form and content to the Landmarks
16	Preservation Board providing for the rehabilitation of the structure. This exemption does not
17	apply to a lot from which a Landmark TDR or TDP has been transferred under Chapter 23.58A
18	and does not apply for purposes of determining TDR or TDP available for transfer under Chapter
19	23.58A;
20	2. ((Floor)) <u>All gross floor</u> area ((for)) in a ((preschool)) child care center, an
21	elementary school, or a secondary school;
22	3. Floor area used for theaters or arts facilities, which for the purposes of this
23	Section 23.48.720 may be operated either by for-profit or not-for-profit organizations;

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1	4. Floor area of street-level uses identified in subsection 23.48.005.D that meet
2	the development standards of subsection 23.48.040.C; and
3	5. Floor area in a vulnerable masonry structure that is included on a list of
4	structures that meet specified criteria in a rule promulgated by the Director under Section
5	23.48.627, provided that the structure is retained for a minimum of 50 years according to the
6	provisions that apply to a qualifying vulnerable masonry structure TDR or TDP sending site in
7	subsection 23.58A.042.F.3.
8	Section 12. Section 23.48.732 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance
9	125432, is amended as follows:
10	23.48.732 Maximum structure width and depth in SM-UP zones
11	* * *
12	C. Width and depth limits do not apply to stories of a structure having more than 50
13	percent of the total gross floor area of the story occupied by any of the following uses:
14	1. Community clubs or community centers;
15	2. Religious facilities;
16	3. Arts facilities operated by a non-profit or for-profit organization or
17	organizations;
18	4. ((Preschool, elementary,)) Elementary or secondary schools; ((or))
19	5. Performing arts theaters((-)) <u>; or</u>
20	6. Child care centers.
21	* * *
22	Section 13. Section 23.49.011 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
23	125603, is amended as follows:

1	23.49.011 Floor area ratio
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3	B. Exemptions and deductions from FAR calculations
4	1. The following are not included in chargeable floor area, except as specified
5	below in this Section 23.49.011:
6	a. Uses listed in subsection 23.49.009.A in a DRC zone and in the FAR
7	Exemption Area identified on Map 1J up to a maximum FAR of 2 for all such uses combined,
8	provided that for uses in the FAR Exemption Area that are not in the DRC zone the uses are
9	located no higher than the story above street level;
10	b. Street-level uses meeting the requirements of Section 23.49.009, Street-
11	level use requirements, whether or not street-level use is required pursuant to Map 1G, if the uses
12	and structure also satisfy the following standards:
13	1) The street level of the structure containing the exempt space has
14	a minimum floor-to-floor height of 13 feet, except that in the DMC 170 zone the street level of
15	the structure containing the exempt space has a minimum floor-to-floor height of 18 feet;
16	2) The exempt space extends a minimum depth of 15 feet from the
17	street-level, street-facing facade; and
18	3) Overhead weather protection is provided satisfying Section
19	23.49.018;
20	c. Shopping atria in the DRC zone and adjacent areas shown on Map 1J,
21	provided that:
22	1) The minimum area of the shopping atria is 4,000 square feet;

D4b 1 2) The eligibility conditions of the Downtown Amenity Standards 2 are met; and 3) The maximum area eligible for a floor area exemption is 20,000 3 4 square feet; 5 d. Child care centers; * * * 6 7 x. Floor area for ((a preschool,)) an elementary school((,)) or a secondary 8 school, except on lots zoned DRC, which may include minimum space requirements for 9 associated uses including but not limited to academic core functions, child care, administrative 10 offices, a library, maintenance facilities, food service, interior recreation, and specialty 11 instruction space, provided that: 12 1) Prior to issuance of a Master Use Permit, the applicant shall submit a letter to the Director from the operator of the school indicating that, based on the Master 13 14 Use Permit plans, the operator has determined that the development could meet the operator's 15 specifications; and 16 2) Prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall submit 17 a written certification by the operator to the Director that the operator's specifications have been 18 met. 19 y. The floor area of required bicycle parking for small efficiency dwelling 20 units or congregate residence sleeping rooms, if the bicycle parking is located within the 21 structure containing the small efficiency dwelling units or congregate residence sleeping rooms. 22 Floor area of bicycle parking that is provided beyond the required bicycle parking is not exempt from FAR limits. 23

1	2. Mechanical equipment
2	a. As an allowance for mechanical equipment fully contained within a
3	structure, three and one-half percent shall be deducted in computing chargeable gross floor area.
4	Calculation of the allowance excludes gross floor area exempt pursuant to subsection
5	23.49.011.B.1.
6	b. Mechanical equipment located on the roof of a structure shall not be
7	calculated as part of the total gross floor area of the structure.
8	Section 14. Section 23.50.028 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
9	125791, is amended as follows:
10	23.50.028 Floor area
11	* * *
12	C. Exemptions from FAR calculations
13	1. The following areas are exempt from FAR calculations in all industrial zones:
14	a. All stories, or portions of stories, that are underground;
15	b. All gross floor area used for accessory parking, except as provided in
16	subsection 23.50.028.D;
17	c. All gross floor area located on the rooftop of a structure and used for
18	any of the following: mechanical equipment, stair and elevator penthouses, and communication
19	equipment and antennas;
20	d. All gross floor area used for covered rooftop recreational space of a
21	building existing as of December 31, 1998, in an IG1 or IG2 zone, if complying with subsection
22	23.50.012.D; and

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1	e. Bicycle commuter shower facilities required by subsection	
2	23.54.015.K.8.	
3	2. In addition to areas exempt from FAR calculations in subsection 23.50.028.C.1,	
4	within an IC 85-175 zone, the following exemptions from FAR calculations apply:	
5	a. As an allowance for mechanical equipment, 3.5 percent of the total	
6	chargeable gross floor area that is not otherwise exempt under this subsection 23.50.028.C.	
7	b. All gross floor area for solar collectors and wind-driven power	
8	generators.	
9	c. The gross floor area of the following uses located at street level,	
10	provided that the conditions of Section 23.50.039 are satisfied:	
11	1) General sales and service uses;	
12	2) Eating and drinking establishments;	
13	3) Entertainment use;	
14	4) Public libraries;	
15	5) Child care ((facilities)) centers;	
16	6) Religious facilities; and	
17	7) Automotive sales and service.	
18	3. In addition to areas exempt from FAR calculations in subsection 23.50.028.C.1,	
19	within IG1 and IG2 zones, the gross floor area of rooftop recreational space accessory to office	
20	use meeting the standards of subsection 23.50.012.D is exempt from FAR calculations.	
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22	Section 15. Section 23.84A.018 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by	
23	Ordinance 123478, is amended as follows:	ĺ

23.84A.018 "'I''

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	"Institution" means structure(s) and related grounds used by organizations for the
	provision of educational, medical, cultural, social and/or recreational services to the community,
	including but not limited to the following uses:
	* * *
	4. "Child care center" means an institution that regularly provides care to a group
	of children for less than ((twenty four (24))) 24 hours a day, whether for compensation or not.
	Preschools, cooperative child care exchanges, and drop-in centers where children receive care by
)	the day shall be considered to be child care centers.

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1	Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2	the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3	shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.
4	Passed by the City Council the day of, 2020,
5	and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this day of
6	, 2020.
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8	President of the City Council
9	Approved by me this day of, 2020.
10 11	Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor
12	Filed by me this day of, 2020.
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14	Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
15	(Seal)