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5.70.010 Nursing or convalescent home defined.

“Nursing home” or “convalescent home” means any institution used for the reception or care of persons who are dependent or not capable of properly caring for themselves, and shall be understood to include homes for the aged or infirm, refuges, and shelters.

5.70.020 License—Required.

It is unlawful to operate or conduct a nursing or convalescent home without first obtaining a general business license.

5.70.030 Exemptions.

Nothing in this section shall apply to care given to relatives in the homes of parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers, sisters, children, uncles, aunts, or day care centers, or as part of the program of an educational institution regulated by the boards of education of the state, or as part of the program of a parochial or other private institution.

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Applications for such licenses shall state the location or proposed location of the home,

the purpose for which it is to be operated, maintained or conducted, the accommodations for the patients thereof, the nature and kind of care, instructions or benefits given therein, the names and addresses of the officials conducting, managing or maintaining the home, the name of the superintendent or person in charge of the home, the name and address of the chief physician or surgeon, or the names and addresses of the board of physicians or surgeons attending therein if such a board exists.

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Applications for a license shall be referred to the fire department and shall comply with applicable rules and regulations of the health department. Findings shall then be forwarded, along with recommendations to the license official for referral to the manager.

5.70.060 License—Fee.

In addition to the general license fee, nursing and convalescent homes that provide 24-hour care shall pay an annual regulatory fee as specified in the consolidated fee schedule.

5.70.070 Compliance with laws.

All persons operating nursing and convalescent homes shall comply with all applicable city, state and federal health and fire regulations governing their operation.