

**10A NCAC 13G .0306 DINING ROOM OR DINING AREA**

- (a) Family care homes licensed on or after April 1, 1984 shall have a dining room or dining area a minimum of 120 square feet. For the purpose of this Rule, a "dining room" is a space enclosed by walls used for eating meals. For the purpose of this Rule, a "dining area" is a space within the facility that may be opened to adjacent spaces and is designated to be used for eating meals. The dining room or dining area may be used for other activities during the day.
- (b) When the dining area is combined with a kitchen to form an eat-in kitchen, an area five feet wide in front of sinks, kitchen appliances, and any kitchen islands used for food preparation, shall be work space for the kitchen. The work space shall not be included as part of the square footage for the dining area.
- (c) The dining room or dining area shall have at least one operable window meeting the North Carolina State Building Code: Residential Code to view the outdoors, or a door unit with a vision panel directly to the outside. The dining room or dining area shall be lighted to provide 30 foot-candles of light at floor level.

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