

TITLE 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Division 35—Children’s Division
Chapter 60—Licensing of Foster Family Homes

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

13 CSR 35-60.010 Family Homes Offering Foster Care. The Children’s Division is amending section (2).

PURPOSE: This amendment brings the rule into alignment with changes to section 210.487 RSMo passed in SB71, which raised the minimum age of household members in prospective foster homes who are subject to fingerprinting and background screenings from seventeen (17) years old to eighteen (18) years old.

(2) Process for applying for a license, or for the renewal of a license, as a foster family home.

(D) Any applicant, any household member age *[seventeen (17)]***eighteen (18)** and older, and any child less than *[seventeen (17)]***eighteen (18)** who has been certified as an adult for the commission of a crime, or has been convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any crime, shall register with the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) and submit signed release forms and fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining background screening for child abuse or neglect, criminal, and circuit court records.

1. Fingerprints shall be sent to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for criminal background checks.

2. Subject to appropriation, the total cost of fingerprinting required by [section 210.487, RSMo](#) may be paid by the state, including reimbursement of persons incurring the cost of fingerprinting under this subsection.

(E) Upon compliance with licensing law and regulations, the director shall authorize issuance of a license for a term not to exceed two (2) years, subject to renewal on expiration.

1. The license is not transferable and applies only to the foster family home to whom it is issued. Upon approval, a single license listing the individual(s) shall be issued. Only one (1) license can be issued per household. All adults age *[seventeen (17)]***eighteen (18)** and older in the household who will have child care responsibility will be required to attend state approved foster parent training.

2. The license is the property of the division, not the licensee, and is subject to revocation upon failure of the individual(s) to comply with the licensing requirements. A licensee does not have a right to renewal of his or her license.

3. The license shall be kept on the premises of the home. The license is a public record and shall, upon request, be made available for inspection.

4. The number, sex, and age range of foster children the home is authorized to accept for care shall be specified on the license and shall not be exceeded except for the temporary placement of sibling or mother and child family groups. The foster family shall be able to indicate age and gender preference.

5. There shall be no fee for the license or investigations conducted by the personnel of the division or providers contracted by the division.

6. An identification card shall be issued to each foster parent at the time of initial licensure or renewal, verifying current licensing status.

*AUTHORITY: sections 207.020, [RSMo Supp. 2014, and section] 210.506, **and 660.017 RSMo [2000] 2016.*** Emergency rule filed July 18, 2006, effective Aug. 4, 2006, expired Jan. 30, 2007. Original rule filed July 18, 2006, effective Jan. 30, 2007. Amended: Filed Sept. 15, 2015, effective March 30, 2016. Emergency amendment filed October 8, 2025, becomes effective October 23, 2025, and expires April 20, 2026. Amended: Filed October 8, 2025.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division-Rulemaking, PO Box 1527, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1527, or by email to Rules.Comment@dss.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*