

HOMELESSNESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Regulation Sub-Committee
January 4 Meeting Highlights

Attendees

Sean Raybell, WA St. Department of Corrections
Kym Kkumpf, Suquamish Tribe
Eric Baker, Kitsap County Commissioners Office
Lisa Nickels, Kitsap County Prosecutor Office
Jeff Rowe, Kitsap County Department of Community Development
Angie Silva, Kitsap County Commissioners Office

DISCUSSION TOPICS

❖ Purpose of Committee

- Discuss regulatory revisions, initiatives, policies, etc to reduce homelessness. A key component to discussions are identifying opportunities/constraints whether it be in land use codes, building codes or permitting processes to support alternative housing models.

❖ Existing Kitsap County Transitory Accommodation Emergency Ordinance

- Authorizes temporary emergency shelters to address homelessness in unincorporated Kitsap County.
- Sets requirements for case management, security, site facilities and permitting process for small and large tent or “membrane shelters” encampments, car and RV parks and indoor accommodations.
- Sunsets February 22, 2017
- No permits submitted since original adoption in February 22, 2016.

❖ Proposed Kitsap County Code Title 17 Amendments

- Proposed amendments are intended to provide permanent land use and permitting mechanisms to authorize boarding houses, membrane, wooden or metallic shelters (tents encampments and tiny homes) for transitory, emergency accommodations.
- Focused on unincorporated Kitsap County.
- Preliminary draft currently being vetted by County Community Development, Legal and Policy staff.
- Discussion about statute requirements for boarding houses and different building types of tiny houses used.
- Discussion about City of Seattle permitting process.
- Suggestion to research Whidbey Island and other jurisdictional examples.

NEXT STEPS

A draft ordinance will be available for review by the end of January 2017. This ordinance will then be submitted to the Kitsap County Planning Commission for review, public notice, hearing and recommendations. Following, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners will commence their legislative process for consideration and adoption.