

**PROPOSED
COUNTY TRANSITORY ACCOMMODATION CODE PROVISIONS
3/13/17**

Homelessness is a growing crisis in unincorporated Kitsap County and recent data shows the number of people experiencing homelessness is increasing. In order to reduce homelessness and protect the health and safety of the community, the Board of County Commissioners adopted emergency ordinance 531-2016 to allow for permitting transitory accommodations. This ordinance was subsequently extended for another six-months, while the county and its partners worked towards a permanent solution. In the proposed permanent code provisions, boarding houses were added to the ordinance, as well expanding the allowable temporary housing to include wood and metal structures. In addition, an unrelated provision for small fitness centers was added.

For transitory accommodations, permits will be issued for 180 days, with a single 180-day extension. In addition, after an initial temporary permit, an application for a conditional land use permit for permanent use may be submitted after another public meeting. Applications and extensions must be submitted at least 30 days prior to use of the property for this purpose.

For enumeration of all requirements for each permit type, see the full proposed ordinance language. The proposed ordinance includes these types of permits:

- Single Family Transitory Accommodations – Permit for one recreational vehicle or up to two tents to reside on a developed residential property. *[The Planning Commission has recommended striking this type because of the cost of a permit.]*
- Small Transitory Accommodations – In partnership with a Host Agency (a religious organization, a non-profit 501(c)(3), or public entity that owns the property), a permit may be obtained to accommodate up to 10 shelters or 25 people.
 - Requires public notice, a neighborhood meeting, a site plan detailing how various health, safety, and neighborhood/site preservation requirements are met, a resident Code of Conduct, and a site Management Plan.
- Large Transitory Accommodations – In partnership with a Host Agency, a permit may be obtained to accommodate 11 to 40 shelters to house up to 50 people.
 - Requires all of the elements for a Small Transitory Accommodation permit, plus a Security Plan and fence, a communal structure for food preparation, and hygiene facilities.
- Safe Park – A permit for safe and secure parking for up to six vehicles accommodating up to 25 people in established parking lots for people living in motor vehicles or recreational vehicles.
 - These permits have the same requirements as Small Transitory Accommodations and require an agreement for the provision of case management services.
- Indoor Transitory Accommodations – A Host Agency may locate up to 75 people within an existing building, provided they meet the assigned requirements.
 - These permits have the same requirements as Small Transitory Accommodations. In addition, they must meet building code and health district regulations.
- Boarding Houses – The number of individual boarding rooms must be between the maximum and minimum density for the zone or six rooms, whichever is greater.