



KITSAP COUNTY EMERGENCY TRANSITORY ORDINANCE 531-2016 FACT SHEET

Homelessness is a growing crisis in unincorporated Kitsap County and recent data shows the number of people experiencing homelessness 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 transitory accommodations. This ordinance creates a six-month pilot program while the county and its partners work towards a more permanent solution. Within this ordinance there are five temporary permit types that can be acquired, valid for 180 days with an option of one 180-day extension.

Transitory Permits:

- **Single Family Transitory Accommodations** - Permit for one recreational vehicle or up to two tents to reside on a developed residential property.
 - [Transitory SFR Regulations & Application](#)
- **Small Transitory Accommodations** - In partnership with a Host Agency (religious organization, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) or public entity that owns the property). Permit to accommodate up to 10 tents, or 25 people.
 - [Small Transitory Accommodations Regulations & Application](#)
- **Large Transitory Accommodations** - In partnership with a Host Agency. Permit to accommodate 11 to 40 tents and up to 50 people.
 - [Large Transitory Accommodation Regulations & Application](#)
- **Safe Park** - A permit for safe and secure parking in established parking lots for people living in motor vehicles or recreational vehicles. Accommodates six or fewer vehicles.
 - [Safe Park Accommodation Regulations & Application](#)
- **Indoor Transitory Accommodations** - A Host Agency may locate up to 75 people within an existing building, provided they meet the assigned requirements.
 - [Indoor Transitory Accommodation Regulations & Application](#)

For questions on transitory permits, call Kitsap County's Department of Community Development at (360) 337-5777 or e-mail Natalie Kuzmick at nkuzmick@co.kitsap.wa.us. Public feedback on the temporary ordinance is being taken as the county shapes a permanent solution at [Transitory Accommodations Feedback](#).

Resources for those living without homes and information on residing in temporary accommodations are available through the [Housing Solutions Center of Kitsap County](#).

Information on Kitsap County's annual Point In Time Count that identified those living unsheltered in Kitsap County, and resources on how to help are available through the Kitsap County Department of Human Services [Housing and Homelessness Program](#) or contact Program Coordinator Kirsten Jewell at (360) 337-7286, kjewell@co.kitsap.wa.us.