

Purpose Statement and Project History

To the King County permit reviewers and community members in the Skyway and King County community,

Thank you for allowing us the privilege to apply for a Temporary Use Permit for the extension of the Progressive Skyway Tiny House Village (THV) under the new legal ordinance passed by King County Council.

The Progressive Skyway THV was opened in 2021 with support from the property owner (Seattle Word of God Church), King County DSHS, and local partners including the Skyway Coalition. This was the 11th such village in the Seattle area developed and operated by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI), and one of countless villages that have been opening throughout the region and country as a means of addressing the urgent needs of people experiencing homelessness. LIHI originally opened the tiny house village with a temporary encampment permit, following the guidance of that permit and working closely with King County Department of Local Services to ensure that the village was appropriately designed for that permit. At the end of 2021, King County Council passed legislation for a Tiny House Village Ordinance - an ordinance that creates a legal structure by which the village, as originally designed, can be permitted for a longer duration to ensure continued services to the residents living there.

Scope of Work

Under this new permit, filed through a Temporary Use Permit structure, LIHI is proposing to permit a tiny house village, which will be subject to King County code 21A.46. The village includes 40 tiny houses and hygiene and kitchen facilities. The tiny houses are each less than 120 SF (approximately 96 SF). Each house has electricity but does not have running water, cooking, or hygiene facilities inside. The tiny houses are not considered dwelling units. The village operated under a previous TUP and therefore no construction will be performed. There are approximately 55 individuals (adults, children) at the site. There is 24/7 security, a perimeter fence, and support services offered on-site for clients.

Our temporary use permit application outlines the exact management structure of the village, as well as the comprehensive design plan for the village.

Identification

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