



True Hope Tiny House Village 1714 E. Yesler Way Frequently Asked Questions Opening Date: Mid-August



How was this property selected? The City currently supports six permitted tiny house villages in Othello, Northlake, West Seattle, Interbay, Georgetown and North Seattle for 300 people on any given night. The new Whittier Heights Village for homeless women will be opening soon. A new village is also proposed in South Lake Union. In an effort to distribute villages across the city, the Seattle City Council requested that District 3 be considered as well. True Hope Village is sponsored by New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and Truevine of Holiness Missionary Baptist Church. The location was one of several sites in the Central Area and Capitol Hill considered by the city.

Who will live here? Residents will include homeless families, couples, singles, students, seniors and veterans. Homeless students will include those participating in the Seattle Vocational Institute's (SVI) pre-apprenticeship training program and the Urban League's Career Bridge program. Homeless families and singles will be referred by the New Hope Baptist Church, Urban League, Seattle Indian Center, the Navigation Team and others.

How long does the permitted village stay in one place? Under the current ordinance, permitted villages on private or public land can operate for 12- months with an option for an additional 12-month extension. This site is sponsored by religious organizations--under the Seattle Land Use Code there is no time limit. The lease on the site is for two years with six month extensions thereafter. Anticipated opening is mid-July.

Who do I call if I have a question or concern? Once the village opens, LIHI will have a staff person on-site with phone and email contact. Josh Castle of LIHI can be contacted at jcastle@LIHI.org or (206)957-8067.

Who makes up the rules for each village? The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) will be contracted by the City of Seattle to operate and oversee the day-to-day management of the site. The community will be governed by a set of rules and a Code of Conduct, which each resident must read, sign and agree to abide by. The True Hope Village Code of Conduct is available at this meeting.

What oversight will be provided at the village? LIHI is responsible for safety and security within the village. Residents are screened for entry and must follow the village Code of Conduct. Barred residents will not be allowed to return to the village or to illegally camp in proximity to the site. Residents have access to necessary services like case management and healthcare to help them transition out of homelessness.

What happens if there is a problem? We are committed to being good neighbors. A Village Organizer will be on duty 24/7 to monitor activities and respond to inquiries from both residents and community members. The staff will also perform scheduled perimeter checks, organize trash cleanups, and respond to neighbors.

How can I help? Neighbors and businesses have generously supported other tiny house villages in the City through donations of hot meals, blankets and clothing. See reverse side of this sheet for more info.

Is their ongoing community input? The True Hope Village will establish a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that will provide advisory input on operations. Members of the CAC will include businesses, community leaders, immediate neighbors, service providers and others. The Committee of seven stakeholders meets monthly and meeting notes are posted on the City of Seattle's Homeless Response [websiteseattle.gov/homelessness](http://www.seattle.gov/homelessness)). Forms are available if you would like to serve on the CAC. Please contact Josh Castle at: jcastle@lihi.org or Tom Van Bronkhorst at tom.vanBronkhorst3@seattle.gov.

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