



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

Statement on Encampments

Safe Sites for All

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The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition on Homelessness calls for Safe Sites for All. Every person living unsheltered deserves an appropriate and accessible and available shelter option. Where desired, Safe Sites should make it possible for people residing in them to create community among themselves.

We believe that small, safe, sites should be designed with the people who will live in them. The Sites could provide a variety of shelter options with full hygiene services on-site and laundry either on-site or nearby.

Sites should be dispersed and strategically placed on well-drained land in low-impact areas near public transportation.

To the extent possible, Safe Sites should be self-managed with services brought to the Sites on a daily basis. Sites could also operate with a range of management options.

Safe Sites could have tents, pallet shelters, tiny houses, container-based units, vehicles, travel trailers and a container for locked storage of personal items. Safe Sites could also include individual hotel and motel rooms.

The Sites could use a variety of operating models such as: low-barrier, harm reduction, pets, clean and sober, 18 years old or older, single adults, couples.