

5 THINGS TO KNOW

Temporary Outdoor Shelters

1. The City of Bend has been looking into possible locations for temporary outdoor shelters for unhoused community members in Bend.

A temporary outdoor shelter is a place for people without permanent housing to safely sleep at night, in temporary or mobile structures.

Temporary outdoor shelters may provide housing in shelters, like at [Central Oregon Veterans Village](#), or in tents, like at [Rogue Retreat](#) in Medford, or in other similar temporary facilities.

2. The City received a proposal from Central Oregon Villages to establish a temporary outdoor shelter.

If approved, the proposed temporary outdoor shelter will be located at 62010 SE 27th St., Bend, OR 97701. It is in the Larkspur Neighborhood. The site was selected by Central Oregon Villages in close coordination with the property owner and will be leased by Central Oregon Villages directly from the property owner.

The proposal includes 20 temporary Pallet structures and will prioritize housing for women and children, but not be limited to only serving those populations. The shelter will be professionally managed with 24/7 supervision, codes of conduct, admission criteria, and will provide sanitary services.

Households residing in the temporary outdoor shelter will be identified by Central Oregon Villages through the Coordinated Entry System and existing relationships with unhoused community members. The proposed site will include portable toilets and water stations, and be served by the shower truck. Daily food service will also be provided.

The proposed shelter is a high-barrier shelter. As part of the Community Agreement (Code of Conduct), residents agree:

- Not to possess or use illegal drugs or alcohol on or off-premises
- To honor quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and all visitor guidelines
- To no violent or disruptive behavior
- To contribute to the operation and maintenance of the outdoor shelter and similar activities.



3. On June 1, Bend City Council is expected to vote on the Temporary Outdoor Shelter Operator Phase 1 contract with Central Oregon Villages.

The Phase 1 contract includes community outreach and engagement. It is when the operator will secure the site and refine the design and operating procedures with community input.

Phase 1 also includes drafting a Good Neighbor Agreement. The Agreement is not an enforcement mechanism. It is a communication tool for all parties. There will be a code of conduct between the residents and the operator outlining the rules and guidelines residents agree to follow in order to live at the shelter. These agreements are not enforcement documents to regulate whether or not a permitted shelter is able to operate.

If Phase 1 is completed and a [HB 2006](#) application approved, the City Council would then consider awarding a Phase 2 contract to Central Oregon Villages. The Phase 2 contract would develop the temporary outdoor shelter site and begin operations. There is no timeline yet for when the shelter would begin operating, or how long it would operate.

4. Until a decision on the Phase 1 contract is made by the City Council, questions about the proposal and contract should be directed to the City of Bend.

Contact Affordable Housing Coordinator Amy Fraley at afraley@bendoregon.gov or 541-323-8550.

5. Once a Phase 1 contract is approved by City Council, questions about the proposed outdoor shelter site, design, operating procedures and community engagement should be directed to Central Oregon Villages.

Contact Nicole Merritt at nicky@covillages.org or 541-382-1672 ext. 117.



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