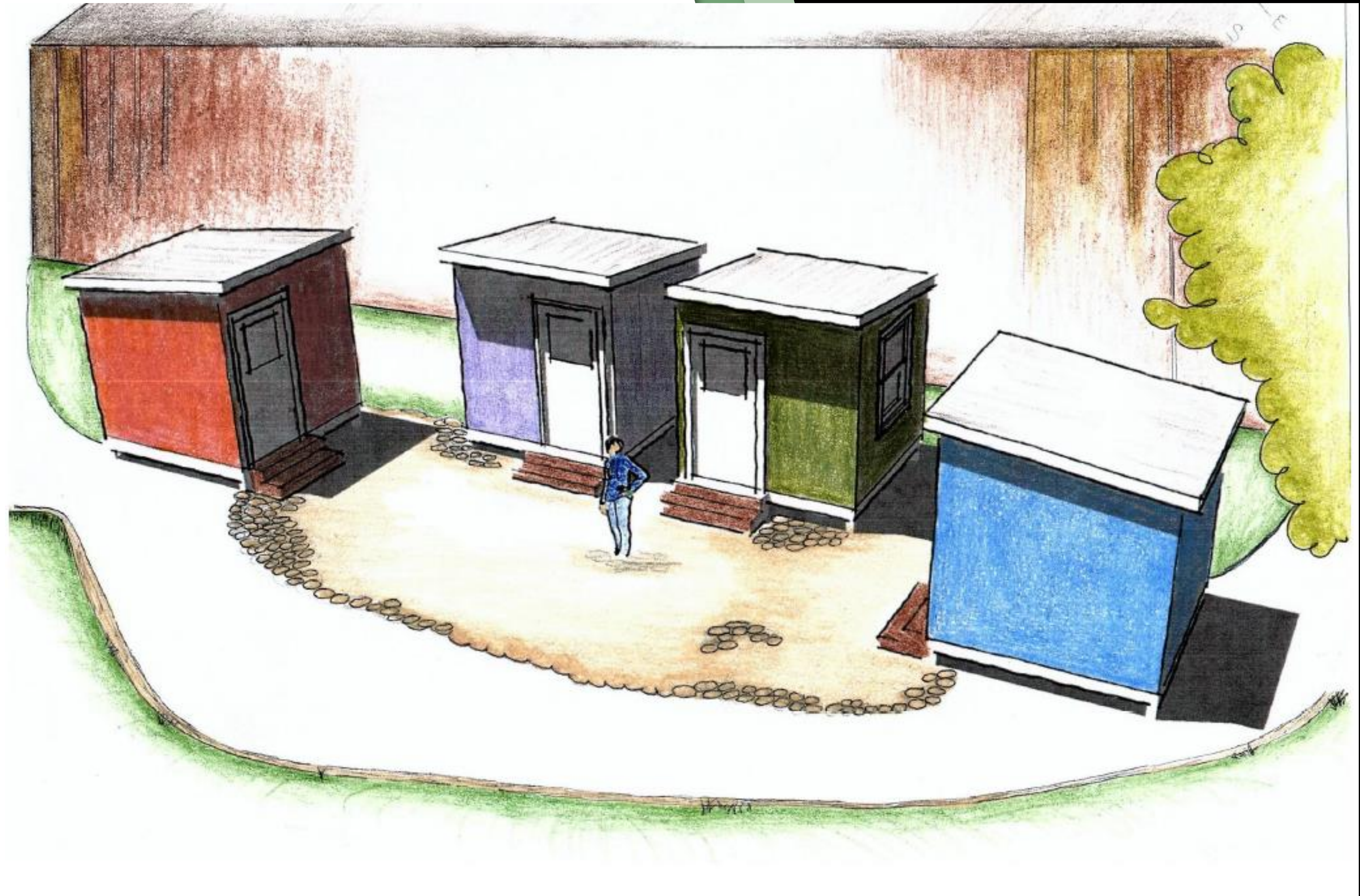




# City of Silverton

## Transitional Housing Standards





> Once you get this homeless pod going it will draw homeless from all  
> over the state. Just like Portland, don't a firefighter in Portland that live in silverton said when Portland made it  
homeless friendly people flooded the area. I will fight till I am dead to stop this pod idea If the church wants to help the  
homeless let them rent a home or apt. Homeless will be all over the downtown area if this goes forward.

>> I live in the neighborhood next to St Edwards, and have for nine years. I  
admire their courage and conviction as they attempt to live forward with plans  
for helping homeless women by housing them temporarily in pods on their  
property. I want to make it clear that, as a neighbor of theirs, I fully  
support their plans and I appreciate the thoughtfulness with which they are  
planning this. Honestly, I think the peace of the neighborhood is presently  
more disturbed by the kid with a drum set in his garage than it will be by St  
Edwards' homeless ministry.

# Timeline

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- March 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 Council directed staff to draft language to allow for transitional shelters.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 PC work session
- April 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 neighborhood meeting
- May 8<sup>th</sup> PC Public Hearing, continued
- June 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 PC Public Hearing. 6 ¼ hours total.

# Timeline

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- July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 City Council Public Hearing, continued.
- August 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 City Council Public Hearing, continued.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 City Council Public Hearing. 7.5 hours total
- October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 Ordinance adopted amending Development Code.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 City Council Work Session, Building Codes
- November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 City Council adopts Transitional Housing Standards
- January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing for St. Edwards Conditional Use to establish Transitional Shelter Community

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**Proponent Testimony:**

**Name:** Mersadee Lulay, Neighbor of Proposed Shelter Community

**Address:** 201 W. Center Street, Silverton, OR

Ms. Lulay stated to the commission that she is the closest possible neighbor to the proposed shelter community. She is 100% in favor of the project. This is a personal issue for her because she has been close to being homeless in her adult life. Ms. Lulay relayed that she believes that when you lift up the most marginalized people in our communities we are raising the standard of everyone else.

There were no questions from the commissioners.

**Opponent Testimony:** None

**Neutral Testimony:** None

# Concerns

- Offensive behavior
  - Capacity of mental health infrastructure
  - Safety of neighborhood
  - Safety of potential shelter residents
  - Process for selection
  - Adequacy of habitation of sleeping pods
  - Liability
  - Increase crime
- Preference to shelter women in the actual church,
  - Lack of heat and cooling,
  - Impact on the church's existing uses and programs,
  - Backgrounds checks may not be sufficient for screening purposes,
  - Nicotine and drug use,
  - Other options may be preferable to the current idea,
  - Worry that it will entice homeless people to locate to Silverton

# Periodic review and renewal for the proposed use

- If the transitional shelter obtains an initial approval by the Planning Commission, the first periodic review and renewal shall be conducted six months from occupancy and shall follow the conditional use review procedure. If renewal is approved, periodic review and renewal shall be conducted annually from that point, following the conditional use review procedure.
- Review actual operational evidence for the Planning Commission to consider, and if they do not find the use has been meeting the criteria, it could be denied which would require the use to vacate the premises.
- Standards require the applicant to submit a security that would cover the costs of removal if the use is not renewed. This could take the form of a cash deposit sufficient enough for the applicant's use to remove the sleeping pods



# Questions?

