



Snohomish County

Planning &
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Temporary Dwelling Permit

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Q: What is a Temporary Dwelling Permit?

A: It allows you to place a mobile home for relatives who are in need of care or assistance on the same lot as an existing dwelling. The following restrictions apply:

- The temporary dwelling may be occupied by no more than two persons;
- It may not be used as a commercial rental unit;
- It must be situated at least 20 feet from the permanent dwelling on the same lot, and not be located in any required setback of the principal dwelling; and
- Adequate screening, landscaping or other measures must be provided to protect surrounding property values and ensure compatibility with the immediate neighborhood.

Q: Who can qualify to live in a temporary dwelling?

A: Only persons related by blood or marriage, who are elderly or in need of continuous medical assistance.

Q: How do I file for a Temporary Dwelling Permit?

A: Complete the following requirements:

- A completed Master Use Application;
- A written statement by a licensed physician, attesting to the need for constant medical assistance;
- Filing fee; and
- A detailed plot plan showing the location of the proposed temporary dwelling in relation to the property lines and other structures. Show all structures, driveways and locations of septic tank/drainfields.

Q: What do I do once the Temporary Dwelling Permit is granted?

A: You will need to obtain a Mobile Home Permit from Planning & Development Services (PDS). (Please see PDS Bulletin #36.)

Q: Do the permits need to be renewed?

A: Yes. You must renew the Temporary Dwelling Permit, together with recertification of need, through PDS in the same month of each year in which the initial Temporary Dwelling Permit was issued.

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Q: What if I don't need the Temporary Dwelling Permit any more?

A: You may terminate the permit when the need no longer exists. You simply need to sign an agreement and record it with the Snohomish County Auditor.

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