



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 24-30

OF THE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965;

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that the regulation of business activities on all lands within the jurisdiction of the Squaxin Island Tribe is essential to the health and welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribe and its members;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Family Services department strives to strengthen families and promote family safety by administering certain services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe possesses "tiny homes" six of which have been set aside for emergency housing; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Family Services department has created an Emergency Tiny Homes Program that can provide eligible tribal members access to safe and emergent housing located on the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the program shall be managed by the Family Services Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby approves of the proposed Emergency Tiny Home Policy for the Family Services Department, as attached hereto.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 25th day of April, 2024, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Kris Peters

[Kris Peters \(Apr 29, 2024 11:06 PDT\)](#)

Kris Peters, Chair

Marvin E. Campbell

Attested by: [Marvin E. Campbell \(Apr 29, 2024 10:55 PDT\)](#)

Marvin Campbell, Treasurer

Jaimie Cruz

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Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair



Squaxin Island Tribe
Emergency Tiny Home Policy

Adopted:
Modified:

SECTION I. PURPOSE

- A. This Emergency Tiny Home Policy (“Policy”) shall govern the implementation, across any/all departments for clients in need of, and meeting the criteria for, residing in the Tiny Homes set aside for the Emergency Tiny Homes Program by The Squaxin Island Tribe’s Housing Program under The Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD).
- B. Nothing in this Policy shall be construed to invalidate any otherwise legitimate grounds for eviction enacted by the Housing Program.
- C. Assistance to be provided under Family Services is subject to availability of funds and homes. No applicant or household determined to be eligible is entitled to or has a property right to receive housing in a Tiny Home. The Squaxin Island Tribe may terminate this Program at any time.

This Policy and the administration of the program will be subject to change.

SECTION II. ELIGIBILITY

An individual’s eligibility to occupy one of the tiny homes available under this policy will be determined by Family Services in accordance with the policies below.

(A). Initial eligibility.

The emergency tiny homes are available to individuals who meet the following minimum requirements. The individual must:

- (1). Be an enrolled member of the Squaxin Island Tribe;
- (2). Not be excluded from the reservation.
- (3). Not be required to register as a sex-offender.

(B) Ongoing Eligibility for a tiny home.

In addition to meeting all of the requirements in section II.(A), an individual is eligible for an emergency tiny home if:

- (1) The individual has an emergency need for housing, as determined by a Family Services Employee that is carrying out or implementing a funded Family Services program, including but not limited to Indian Child Welfare; Vulnerable Adult; Victims of Crime; or Domestic Violence.
- (2) There is a program or grant that can legally provide rental and utility assistance set for the emergency tiny homes;

(3) The individual agrees to abide by all applicable Squaxin Island code; all tiny home program guidelines; all applicable housing policies; and any requirements of the Family Services program applicable to the individual, including an Individual Tiny Home Plan.

(4) The individual agrees to limit their stay in the tiny home to 90 days; and agrees to all penalties associated with staying longer than 90 days, including but not limited to off-set of per-capita for payment of any penalties. The stay can be extended only through the procedures in section IV(C).

(C) Ongoing determination of eligibility:

(1) Ongoing determination of eligibility of an individual for participation of an individual in the emergency tiny homes program is at the sole discretion of the Family Services department. No property right is created in the participant in the program.

(D) Time limit not an eviction. Remaining past the time limit a trespass.

(1) Eligibility for the program is limited to 90 days, unless extended under the procedures in section IV(C). Removal of the client from the tiny home after the applicable time limit is not an eviction. Any client residing in the tiny homes explicitly consents to leave the home at the conclusion of the applicable time limit. Remaining in the home beyond the applicable time limit will be considered a trespass on Squaxin Island Tribe property.

SECTION III. APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. Individuals wishing to live in, and receive financial assistance for Tiny Homes, may be referred by any Family Services employee for evaluation of eligibility. The Family Services Office Manager shall serve as the administrator for the program, under the direction of the Director of Family Services.
- B. The client will conduct an intake with Family Services the program best suited to the individual's needs. Family services will determine whether the individual is eligible for assistance under any of the program/grants identified at section II(B)(1) above.
- C. In conjunction with the Family Services Employee in charge of the administration of the grant or program from which funding will be drawn, the client and the administrator will create an Individual Tiny Home Plan. The Individual Tiny Home Plan will contain any an all requirements for the client to remain in the home. This may include behavioral or treatment requirements, rent and utility payment, and commitments to financial responsibility for damages to the home.

- D. Family Services shall keep records of the application, determination result, and any payments under applicable grant and Family Services policies.

SECTION IV. GENERAL PROCEDURES

- A. Rent and utilities: Rent and utilities for Tiny Homes for persons determined eligible under this program shall be \$650.00 monthly. Rent and utilities shall be paid to Housing from the applicable grant or program funds, by Family Services, on behalf of the client. Family Services shall complete all necessary documentation of the payment of rent. Housing shall provide a receipt for rents paid as required by any grant or program.
- B. Extension of the 90 day limit: Provided that the client is in compliance with all aspects of this policy, including the client's Individual Tiny Home Plan, the time limit for residence in the tiny home may be extended, at the sole discretion of Family Services for up to an additional 90 days. The client may ask the administrator for an extension not less than 14 days prior to the running of the 90 day period.
- C. Failure to comply with Individual Tiny Home Plan or other applicable policy: If the client fails to comply with any aspect of this policy, including the Individual Tiny Home Plan, the client may be asked to leave, at the sole discretion of Family Services. Dismissal from the program by Family Services is not an eviction.
- D. Limit on number of persons in the tiny home: No more than one individual may reside in the tiny home in addition to the client, at the sole discretion of Family Services. Any additional individual must have been in a previously existing relationship with the client. Any additional individual must comply with all applicable policies, and may not interfere with the client's compliance with the Individual Tiny Home Plan. The additional individual has no right to occupy the home; and must vacate immediately under any of the following circumstances: (1) request by Family Services; (2) expiration of the time limit; (3) removal of the client from the tiny home; or (4) the request of the client.
- E. Minors: No minors (i.e. persons under the age of 18) may reside in the tiny home. At the sole discretion of Family Services, an exception may be made for a child born to a client while the client resides in the tiny home.
- F. General policies: The client is responsible for payment for damages to the home, other than normal wear and tear. The client may not make structural changes to the home. The client may not operate a business out of the home, nor engage in any illegal activity in the home. Pets are not permitted without written permission of Family Services, at Family Services' sole discretion.

SECTION V. NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

- A. Nothing in this policy shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.

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