

SNAPSHOT OF EXISTING TENT & TINY HOME COMMUNITIES

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GREEN STREET (Nashville, TN)

- Tent encampment + several micro-homes on the private property of Green Street Church
- 15-25 residents
- 3 deacons share the responsibility for camp oversight
- They take no city funds
- Leadership emerges from camp and assists with oversight
- Meals, common kitchen area, Port-A-Potties, and clothing closet on site
- People can stay as long as they follow rules and are making steps forward
- Outreach workers visit frequently

Rules:

- 1) No drinking
- 2) No drugs
- 3) No drama

Enforcement:

Deacons and church leadership

DIGNITY VILLAGE (Portland, OR)

- Tiny house village on city property
- 60 members, weekly meetings, each household pays \$35 a month for their spot
- Self-governed by a 9-15 council members (elected annually), bi-monthly meetings (under the umbrella of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a board of directors)
- They are self-sustaining and take no city funds
- Security desk at entrance staffed 24/7 by members
- Basic first aid available and veterinary visits for pets. Community room and bathhouse available on-site
- Counselors and social workers visit often

Rules:

- 1) No violence to yourself or others
- 2) No theft
- 3) No alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia on-site or in a one-block radius
- 4) No consistent disruptive behavior
- 5) Everyone must contribute to the operation and maintenance of the village

Enforcement:

If rules are breached, the council decides on the consequence

RIGHT 2 DREAM Too (Portland, OR)

- Tent encampment + some small structures on private property in the middle of Portland
- 12 members (it can take over a month to become a member, they have a formal process)
- Formed a 501(c)(3) non-profit and are self-sustaining with some private funds. They take no city funds.
- 24/7 security desk at the entrance, all members take shifts
- Basic first aid, toiletries, and other items are available at the front desk. They have a donations closet, common kitchen area, and a community technology room.
- They allow other people experiencing homelessness to use their Port-A-Potties and sign up to rest in their Rest Area. Their Rest Area has about 60 beds for men, 20 beds for women, and 20 beds for couples and all guest must sign in daily and agree to rules.

Rules:

- 1) We are a weapons-free zone.
- 2) We are nonviolent and will not tolerate violence. We pledge to help resolve any conflicts that arise in a creative and nonviolent manner.
- 3) We respect the rights and privacy of our fellow members and neighbors. We will not create unnecessary disturbances.
- 4) Degrading ethnic, racist, sexist, or homophobic remarks are not acceptable. Neither members nor anyone in our environs should be subjected to abuse or intimidation.
- 5) We cannot permit open flames.
- 6) We will require pocket checks at security before using the Port-A-Potties.
- 7) We will require a Dress Code of normal coverage in the Rest Area. Shoes must be worn because of the terrain. If you do not have shoes, we will check our donations.
- 8) Right 2 Dream Too assumes no liability for any injuries.
- 9) Any of the following are groups for being escorted off our premises:
 - Alcohol or illegal drugs on the premises
 - Violence or the threat of violence on the premises
 - Sexual harassment
 - Theft of any member or visitor's property
 - Open flames
 - Smoking in the tents
 - Repeated minor infractions
 - Eating/open food in tent areas
 - Foreign objects, syringes, drug use, smoking in the Port-A-Potties

Enforcement:

Members