



## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Planning and Community Development**

FROM: **Nora Gierloff, DCD Director**

CC: **Mayor McLeod**

DATE: **July 8, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Zoning Code Updates for Tiny Home Villages**

### **ISSUE**

Should Tukwila enact specific regulations for Tiny Home Villages? The City has previously permitted two villages under the emergency shelter regulations but the current proposal is to enact specific regulations tailored to this housing type.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2021 Tukwila amended its Zoning Code to address the State requirement in HB 1220 that indoor emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing be permitted in any zones where hotels are allowed and that permanent supportive housing and transitional housing be permitted in all zones that allow residences or hotels. At that time Tukwila did not enact specific regulations for Tiny Home Villages (THV).

Proposed definition:

“Tiny Home Villages” means temporary shelter comprised of two or more sleeping structures up to 120 square feet in size with common hygiene and kitchen facilities managed by a host organization which provides on-site services.

This proposal was presented to the City Council’s Planning and Community Development Committee on April 8, 2024 who then forwarded it to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. At that time the proposal also included updates to regulations for other types of emergency and supportive housing but the two issues have been separated with only THV moving forward at this time. The State Department of Commerce recently released new guidance for regulating shelters, transitional housing, emergency housing and permanent supportive housing (collectively referred to as STEP) and staff is evaluating how that affects Tukwila’s regulations.

The Planning Commission held a work session on the THV topic on May 23rd and a public hearing on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Attachment A contains the PC recommended ordinance. The only change the PC made to the draft ordinance was to delete THV from the Low Density Residential (LDR) Zone in the Zoning Code use table.

### **DISCUSSION**

Cities may enact reasonable occupancy, spacing, and safety requirements for temporary tiny home villages to protect public health and safety so long as the conditions do not preclude the siting of these villages by religious institutions per [RCW 35A.21.360 Hosting the homeless by religious organizations—When authorized—Requirements—Prohibitions on local actions](#).

The PC recommendation is to use a similar framework to the standards Tukwila has adopted for other types of emergency housing. This is a residential model where clients are screened, admitted, and assigned a space for the duration of their stay rather than a day or night shelter model where people must leave with their belongings each day. On-site services would be limited to residents and not offered for drop in use. The stability offered by this model has better outcomes for the clients and fewer impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

Therefore, the draft ordinance contains the following standards:

1. It must be a 24-hour-a-day facility where tiny homes are assigned to specific residents for the duration of their stay.
2. On-site services such as laundry, hygiene, meals, case management, and social programs are limited to the residents of the facility and not available for drop-in use by non-residents.
3. The maximum number of units permitted on a site is constrained by adherence to life safety, infrastructure, and environmental codes but in no case will more than 45 units be permitted.
4. A Memorandum of Agreement between the host organization and the city per TMC 18.50.270 must be executed prior to the start of construction.

In addition, the following standards contained in RCW 35A.21.360 would also apply:

1. The duration of the village will be for a minimum of a one-year term that is renewable according to the terms of a memorandum of understanding agreed to by the host organization and City.
2. The maximum unit square footage is one hundred twenty square feet each, with units set at least six feet apart.
3. Electricity and heat must be provided and are subject to inspection by the City.
4. Space heaters, if provided, must be approved by the local fire authority.
5. Doors and windows must be included and be lockable, with the managing agency and host organization also possessing keys.
6. Each unit must have a fire extinguisher.
7. Adequate restrooms and hygiene facilities must be provided, including restrooms solely for families if present, along with handwashing and potable running water to be available if not provided within the individual units, including accommodating black water.

#### *Transit Access*

Originally staff had proposed a requirement that villages (like other types of emergency housing) be located within a half mile walking distance of a bus or rail transit stop which was intended to allow these transit dependent populations to reach services and employment. However, the City cannot preclude a religious organization from hosting a village regardless of the distance to transit so that criterion has been dropped.

#### *Unit Count*

Setting a unit count of 45 would allow potential expansions of the two existing villages in Tukwila. Miracle Village has 30 units and Riverton Village has 22. However, not all sites may accommodate this number due to the need to meet Fire Code, access requirements, critical area setbacks, infrastructure requirements, etc.

#### *Facility Operator*

In addition to religious institutions, the Planning Commission recommended draft code allows villages on sites owned or controlled by a government agency such as Tukwila or King County.

*Location*

The original proposal was to allow THV as accessory uses in all zones that allow religious institutions. The Planning Commission recommendation was to not allow THV in the Low Density Residential (LDR) zoning district. Many of Tukwila's religious organizations, including Riverton Park United Methodist Church, are located within the LDR zone, so not allowing THV there would create a conflict with State law. If the ordinance is not amended to align with the rights afforded to religious organizations under RCW 35A.21.360, the City could be subject to a legal challenge.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Passage of the ordinance would not result in any direct costs to the City.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. On the advice of the City Attorney's Office, staff recommends that Council amend the use table in the PC draft ordinance to allow THV in LDR Zoning consistent with current uses and to avoid a conflict with State Law for the LDR zone.
  
- B. The Council is being asked to approve the ordinance as proposed or amended and consider this item at the July 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting and subsequent August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Planning Commission Recommended Draft Ordinance



# DRAFT

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, ADDING A DEFINITION FOR TINY HOME VILLAGES; ESTABLISHING A NEW TUKWILA MUNICIPAL CODE (TMC) SECTION 18.50.240 TO REGULATE TEMPORARY TINY HOME VILLAGES; AMENDING TMC SECTION 18.50.270 AND TABLE 18-6, "LAND USES ALLOWED BY DISTRICT;" PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, a regional housing shortage and unaffordable housing costs have led to an increase in the unhoused population in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, some religious institutions find it within their mission to offer support and shelter to unhoused persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to develop reasonable occupancy, operational, and safety requirements for temporary tiny home villages to protect public health and safety so long as the conditions do not preclude the siting of temporary tiny home villages by religious institutions per RCW 35A.21.360, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that temporary tiny home villages offer a level of security and privacy that support stability and the movement into permanent housing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings of Fact.** The City Council finds as follows:

A. The above recitals, set forth as "WHEREAS" clauses, are hereby adopted as Findings of Fact in support of the adoption of this ordinance.

B. The amendments that are established below comply with the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act and the Tukwila Municipal Code.

**Section 2. New Definition Adopted.** A new section is hereby added to the Tukwila Municipal Code (TMC) Chapter 18.06, "Definitions," as follows:

## Tiny Home Villages

“Tiny Home Villages” means temporary shelter comprised of two or more sleeping structures up to 120 square feet in size with common hygiene and kitchen facilities managed by a host organization which provides on-site services.

**Section 3. Regulations Established.** A new TMC Section 18.50.240 is hereby established to read as follows:

### 18.50.240 Tiny Home Villages

Tiny Home Villages are allowed on properties owned or controlled by a religious organization or government agency, subject to the following criteria:

1. It must be a 24-hour-a-day facility where tiny homes are assigned to specific residents for the duration of their stay.

2. On-site services such as laundry, hygiene, meals, case management, and social programs are limited to the residents of the facility and not available for drop-in use by non-residents.

3. The duration of the village will be for a minimum of a one-year term that is renewable according to the terms of a memorandum of understanding agreed to by the host organization and City.

4. The maximum unit square footage is one hundred twenty square feet each, with units set at least six feet apart.

5. Electricity and heat must be provided and are subject to inspection by the City.

6. Space heaters, if provided, must be approved by the local fire authority.

7. Doors and windows must be included and be lockable, with the managing agency and host organization also possessing keys.

8. Each unit must have a fire extinguisher.

9. Adequate restrooms and hygiene facilities must be provided, including restrooms solely for families if present, along with handwashing and potable running water to be available if not provided within the individual units, including accommodating black water.

10. The maximum number of units permitted on a site is constrained by adherence to life safety, infrastructure, and environmental codes but in no case will more than 45 units be permitted.

11. A Memorandum of Agreement between the host organization and the city per TMC 18.50.270 must be executed prior to the start of construction

**Section 4. TMC Section 18.50.270 Amended.** Ordinance No. 2658 §9, as codified at TMC Section 18.50.270, “Memorandum of Agreement for Emergency Housing, Emergency Shelter, Permanent Supportive Housing or Transitional Housing,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

**18.50.270 Memorandum of Agreement for Emergency Housing, Emergency Shelter, [Tiny Home Villages](#), Permanent Supportive Housing or Transitional Housing**

Prior to the start of operation, the City and facility operator shall develop and execute a Memorandum of Agreement containing, at a minimum, the following items:

1. A Good Neighbor Agreement addressing the following items:

- a. Quiet hours,
- b. Smoking areas,
- c. Security procedures,
- d. Litter, and
- e. Adequacy of landscaping and screening.

2. A Code of Conduct establishing a set of standards and expectations that residents must agree to follow.

3. A parking plan approved by the City showing that the facility has adequate parking to meet the expected demand from residents, staff, service providers and visitors. Residents may not park off-site and all vehicles must be operational.

4. A coordination plan with both the Police and Fire Departments, including protocols for response to the facility and to facility residents throughout the City and a maximum number of responses threshold for law enforcement services as established by calls for services in TMC Sections 5.60.040 through 5.60.060. If calls for law enforcement services exceed the agreed upon threshold in any given quarter, the facility operator will work with the City to reduce calls below the threshold level.

5. A requirement to provide regular reports to the City’s Human Services Program Coordinator on how facilities are meeting performance metrics such as placement of residents into permanent housing or addiction treatment programs.

[6. Any other terms required for consistency with RCW 35A.21.360.](#)

**Section 5. TMC Table 18-6, “Land Uses Allowed by District,” Amended.** Ordinance No. 2718 §7, as codified at TMC Table 18-6, “Land Uses Allowed by District” is hereby amended as forth in the amended Table 18-6 attached as Exhibit A.

**Section 6. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser Authorized.** Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors;

references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

**Section 7. Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Andy Youn, CMC, City Clerk

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Thomas McLeod, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Filed with the City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Passed by the City Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Published: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office of the City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A, Table 18-6: "Land Uses Allowed by District"



# Exhibit A – Table 18-6: Land Uses Allowed by District

See Table 18-2 for uses allowed in TUC and Figure 18-1 for uses allowed in Shoreline.

For properties zoned LDR, MDR and HDR that are designated as Commercial Redevelopment Areas (see figure 18-9 or 18-10), the uses and development standards of the adjacent commercial zone are permitted and shall apply, subject to the specific criteria and procedures defined in TMC 18.60.060

	LDR	MDR	HDR	MUO	O	RCC	NCC	RC	RCM	C/LI	LI	HI	MIC/L	MIC/H	TVS	TSO	PRO
P = Permitted outright; A = Accessory (customarily appurtenant and incidental to a permitted use) ; C = Conditional (subject to TMC 18.64); U = Unclassified (subject to TMC 18.66); S = Special Permission (Administrative approval by the Director)																	
Adult day care	A	A	A	A	A			A	A							P	
Adult entertainment (subject to location restrictions <sup>1</sup> )										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Airports, landing fields and heliports (except emergency sites)										U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Amusement Parks								C	C	C	C	C			C	P	
Animal rendering											U					P	
Animal shelters and kennels, subject to additional State and local regulations (less than 4 cats/dogs = no permit)								C	C	C	C	C			C		
Animal Veterinary, including associated temporary indoor boarding; access to an arterial required	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P	
Bed and breakfast lodging for not more than twelve guests <sup>5</sup>	C	C	C														
Bed and breakfast lodging (no size limit specified)				C												P	
Bicycle repair shops				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Boarding Homes		C	C														
Brew Pubs				P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Bus stations							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cargo containers (*see also TMC 18.50.060)	A&S	A&S	A&S					A&S	A&S	A&S	P	P	P	P	P		
Cement manufacturing										U	U	U	U	U	U		
Cemeteries and crematories	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C			C	C	
Colleges and universities				C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C6	C6	C6	P	
Commercial laundries								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Commercial Parking (Commercial parking is a use of land or structure for the parking of motor vehicles as a commercial enterprise for which hourly, daily, or weekly fees are charged. TMC Section 18.06.613)				P7	P7			P7	P7	P7	P8	P8				P8	



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Contractor storage yards										P	P	P	P	P	P		
Continuing care retirement facility				C	C		C	C	C	C					C	P	
Convalescent & nursing homes & assisted living facility for not more than twelve patients		C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P					P	P	
Convalescent & nursing homes & assisted living facility for more than twelve patients				C	C		C	C	C	C					C	P	
Convention facilities								P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Correctional institutes					U11						U	U		U			
Daycare Centers (not home-based)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Daycare Family Home (Family Child Care Home) <sup>12</sup>	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A						A	A	
Diversion facilities and diversion interim services facilities south of Strander Blvd										U							
Domestic Shelter	P	P	P	P	P												
Dormitory	C	C	C	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13			A13	A13	
Drive-in theatres								C	C	C	C	C			C		
Dwelling – Detached single family (Includes site built, modular home or new manufactured home). One detached single family dwelling per existing lot permitted in MUO, O, RCC, NCC, TVS.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								P	P	
Dwelling- Detached Zero-Lot Line Units		P															
Dwelling- Duplex, triplex or fourplex or townhouse up to four attached units		P														P	
Dwelling- Townhouses			P													P	
Dwelling –Multi-family			P					P14								P	
Dwelling – Multi-family units above office and retail uses				P		P	P	P	P						C15	P	
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Dwelling – Senior citizen housing, including assisted living facility for seniors *see purpose section of chapter, uses sections, and development standards		P meeting density and all other MDR standards	P 60/ac	P 60/ac			P 60/ac	P 60/ac	P 60/ac							P	
Dwelling unit – Accessory <sup>16</sup>	A	A	A	A	A	A	A								A	A	
Electrical Substation – Distribution	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P
Electrical Substation – Transmission/Switching												U			U	U	U

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Level 1 and Level 2	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Level 3, battery exchange stations, and rapid charging stations. (TMC 18.50.140)	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Emergency Housing								P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	
Emergency Shelter								P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	
Essential public facilities, except those uses listed separately in any of the other zones								U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Extended-stay hotel								P34	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Farming and farm-related activities																P	
Fire & Police Stations	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Fraternal organizations				P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Garage or carport (private) not exceeding 1,500 sq.ft. on same lot as residence and is subject to the regulations affecting the main building	A	A															
Greenhouses (noncommercial) and storage sheds not exceeding 1,000 sq./ft	A	A	A	A													
Greenhouses or nurseries (commercial)						P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Hazardous waste treatment and storage facilities (off-site) subject to compliance with state siting criteria (RCW Chapter 70.105) (See TMC 21.08)												C		C			
Heavy equipment repair and salvage										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Helipads, accessory																C	
Home Occupation (Permitted in dwellings as covered in TMC Section 18.06.430.)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A						A	A	
Hospitals				C	C			C	C	C	C	C			C	P	
Hotels								P34	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	P	
Hydroelectric and private utility power generating plants								U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Industries involved with etching, film processing, lithography, printing and publishing								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Internet Data/Telecommunication Centers								C		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Landfills and excavations which the responsible official, acting pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act, determines are significant environmental actions	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Laundries; self-serve, dry cleaning, tailor, dyeing				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Libraries, museums, or art galleries (public)	C	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Manuf./Mobile home park <sup>17</sup>		C	P														

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<i>Manufacturing and industrial uses that have little potential for creating off-site noise, smoke, dust, vibration or other external environmental impacts or pollution:</i>																	
A) Manufacturing, processing and/or packaging pharmaceuticals and related products, such as cosmetics and drugs							P18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
B) Manufacturing, processing and/or packaging previously prepared materials including, but not limited to, bags, brooms, brushes, canvas, clay, clothing, fur, furniture, glass, ink, paint, paper, plastics, rubber, tile, and wood							P18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
C) Manufacturing, processing, assembling, packaging and/or repairing electronic, mechanical or precision instruments such as medical and dental equipment, photographic goods, measurement and control devices, and recording equipment							P18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
D) Manufacturing, processing, packaging of foods, such as baked goods, beverages, candy, canned or preserved foods, dairy products and byproducts, frozen foods, instant foods, and meats (no slaughtering)											P	P	P	P			
i) Fermenting and distilling included																	
ii) No fermenting and distilling							P18	P	P	P					P	P	
<i>Manufacturing and industrial uses that have moderate to substantial potential for creating off-site noise, smoke, dust, vibration or other external environmental impacts:</i>																	
(A) Manufacturing, processing and/or assembling chemicals, light metals, plastics, solvents, soaps, wood, coal, glass, enamels, textiles, fabrics, plaster, agricultural products or animal products (no rendering or slaughtering)										C	C	C	C	P	C		
(B) Manufacturing, processing and/or assembling of previously manufactured metals, such as iron and steel fabrication; steel production by electric arc melting, argon oxygen refining, and consumable electrode melting; and similar heavy industrial uses										C	C	C	C	P	C		
(C) Manufacturing, processing and/or assembling of previously prepared metals including, but not limited to, stamping, dyeing, shearing or punching of metal, engraving, galvanizing and hand forging								C	C	C	C	P	P	P	C		
D) Manufacturing, processing, assembling and/or packaging of electrical or mechanical equipment, vehicles and machines including, but not limited to, heavy and light machinery, tools, airplanes, boats or other transportation vehicles and equipment										P	P	P	P	P	C		
E) Heavy metal processes such as smelting, blast furnaces, drop forging or drop hammering													C	P			

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Manufacturing that includes rock crushing, asphalt or concrete batching or mixing, stone cutting, brick manufacture, marble works, and the assembly of products from the above materials										C	C	P	C	P	C	C	
Manufacturing, refining or storing highly volatile noxious or explosive products (less than tank car lots) such as acids, petroleum products, oil or gas, matches, fertilizer or insecticides; except for accessory storage of such materials												U		U	U		
Marijuana producers, processors, or retailers (with state issued license)												P			P	P19	
Mass transit facilities	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Medical and dental laboratories				P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Minor expansion of an existing warehouse <sup>20</sup>																	S
Mortician and funeral homes								P	P	P	P	P			P		C
Motels								P	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	P	
Offices including: medical, dental, government (excluding fire & police stations), professional, administrative, computer software development, business, e.g. travel, real estate & commercial				P22	P	P22	P23	P	P	P	P	P	P9 C10	P24 C25	P	P	
Office or sample room for wholesale or retail sales, with less than 50% storage or warehousing							P										
Park & ride lots				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Parking areas	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Parking areas, for municipal uses and police stations	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Parks, trails, picnic areas and playgrounds (public), but not including amusement parks, golf courses, or commercial recreation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pawnbroker/Payday lender								C	C	C	C	C			P	P	
Permanent Supportive Housing	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	
Planned Shopping Center (mall)								P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P26
Radio, television, microwave, or observation stations and towers	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Railroad freight or classification yards												U	U	U	U		
Railroad tracks (including lead, spur, loading or storage)										P	P	P	P	P	P		

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Recreation facilities (commercial – indoor) – athletic or health clubs				P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	C3	P	P	P	
Recreation facilities (commercial – indoor), including bowling alleys, skating rinks, shooting ranges							C	P	P	P	P				P	P	
Recreation facilities (commercial – outdoor), including golf courses, golf driving ranges, fairgrounds, animal race tracks, sports fields										C	C	C				C	
Recreation facilities (public), including, but not limited to sports fields, community centers and golf courses	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P
Recreational area and facilities for employees																	
Religious facilities with an assembly area less than 750 sq. ft.	C	C	C	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	
Religious facilities with an assembly area greater than 750 sq. ft. and associated community center buildings	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C				C	C
Removal and processing of sand, gravel, rock, peat, black soil and other natural deposits together with associated structures										U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Rental of vehicles not requiring a commercial driver's license									P36	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Rental of commercial trucks and fleet rentals requiring a commercial driver's license										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Research and development facilities																P	P
Residences for security or maintenance personnel				A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Restaurants, drive-through permitted									P35	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Restaurants, drive-through not permitted				P	P		C	P									
Retail, General				P	P4		P	P35	P	P	P	P	C3	C3	P	P	
Sales and rental of heavy machinery and equipment subject to landscaping requirements of TMC Chapter 18.52*										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Salvage and wrecking operations												P		P	C		
Salvage and wrecking operations which are entirely enclosed within a building										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Sanitariums, or similar institutes																C	
Schools and studios for education or self-improvement				P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P9 C10	P27	P	P	
Schools, preschool, elementary, junior & senior high schools (public), and equivalent private schools	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C						C	C	P (public only)
Secure community transition facility <sup>28</sup>														U			

P = Permitted outright; A = Accessory (customarily appurtenant and incidental to a permitted use); C = Conditional (subject to TMC 18.64); U = Unclassified (subject to TMC 18.66); S = Special Permission (Administrative approval by the Director)	LDR	MDR	HDR	MUO	O	RCC	NCC	RC	RCM	C/LI	LI	HI	MIC/L	MIC/H	TVS	TSO	PRO
Self-storage facilities								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Sewage lift station	U	U	U	U	U	U	U									P	
Shelter	P	P	P	P	P												
Stable (private)	A29	A29	A29													P	
Storage (outdoor) of materials allowed to be manufactured or handled within facilities conforming to uses under this chapter; and screened pursuant to TMC Chapter 18.52								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Storage (outdoor) of materials is permitted up to a height of 20 feet with a front yard setback of 25 feet, and to a height of 50 feet with a front yard setback of 100 feet; security required												P	P	P	C	C	
Storm water - neighborhood detention + treatment facilities	U	U	U	U	U	U	U									P	
Storm water pump station	U	U	U	U	U	U	U										
Studios – Art, photography, music, voice and dance				P	P	P	P	P	P	P					P	P	
Taverns, nightclubs								P	P	P	P	P	P30	P30	P	P	
Telephone exchanges				P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Theaters, except those theaters which constitute "adult entertainment establishments" as defined by this Zoning Code							P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P31	
<a href="#">Tiny Home Villages</a> <sup>39</sup>		<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>			<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	
Tow-truck operations, subject to all additional State and local regulations										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Transfer stations (refuse and garbage) when operated by a public agency												U	U	U	U		
Transitional Housing	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	
Truck terminals										P	P	P	P	P	P		
Utilities, regional																	C
Vehicle sales lot <sup>2</sup>								P32	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Vehicle service station							P33	P33	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Vehicle storage (no customers onsite, does not include park-and-fly operations)																	P
Warehouse storage and/or wholesale distribution facilities								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Water pump station	U	U	U	U	U	U	U										P
Water utility reservoir and related facilities	U	U	U	U	U	U	U										
Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (* see TMC Ch. 18.58)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

**Note: The Director of Community Development will make a determination for uses not specifically listed in the Zoning Code. The Director will consider whether the proposed use is:**

- Similar in nature to and compatible with other uses permitted out right within a similar zone; and*
- Consistent with the stated purpose of the zone; and*
- Consistent with the policies of the Tukwila Comprehensive Plan.*

1. Adult entertainment establishments are permitted, subject to the following location restrictions:
  - a. No adult entertainment establishment shall be allowed within the following distances from the following specified uses, areas or zones, whether such uses, areas or zones are located within or outside the City limits:
    - (1) In or within 1,000 feet of any LDR, MDR, HDR, MUO, O, NCC, RC, RCM or TUC zone districts or any other residentially-zoned property;
    - (2) In or within one-half mile of:
      - (a) Public or private school with curricula equivalent to elementary, junior or senior high schools, or any facility owned or operated by such schools; and
      - (b) Care centers, preschools, nursery schools or other child care facilities;
    - (3) In or within 1,000 feet of:
      - (a) public park, trail or public recreational facility; or
      - (b) church, temple, synagogue or chapel; or
      - (c) public library.
  - b. The distances specified in TMC Section 18.30.020.1.a shall be measured by following a straight line from the nearest point of the property parcel upon which the proposed use is to be located, to the nearest point of the parcel of property or land use district boundary line from which the proposed land use is to be separated.
  - c. No adult entertainment establishment shall be allowed to locate within 1,000 feet of an existing adult entertainment establishment. The distance specified in this section shall be measured by following a straight line between the nearest points of public entry into each establishment.
2. No dismantling of cars or travel trailers or sale of used parts allowed.
3. Retail sales and services are limited to uses of a type and size that clearly intend to serve other permitted uses and/or the employees of those uses.
4. Retail sales as part of a planned mixed-use development where at least 50% of gross leasable floor area development is for office use; no auto-oriented retail sales (e.g. drive-ins, service stations).
5. Bed and breakfast facilities, provided:
  - a. the manager/owner must live on-site,
  - b. the maximum number of residents, either permanent or temporary, at any one time is twelve,
  - c. two on-site parking spaces for the owner and permanent residents and one additional on-site parking space is provided for each bedroom rented to customers,
  - d. the maximum length of continuous stay by a guest is 14 days,
  - e. breakfast must be offered on-site to customers, and
  - f. all necessary permits or approvals are obtained from the Health Department.
6. Colleges and universities with primarily vocational curriculum if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use.
7. Commercial parking, provided it is:
  - a. a structured parking facility located within a structure having substantial ground floor retail or commercial activities and designed such that the pedestrian and commercial environments are not negatively impacted by the parking use; or
  - b. a surface parking facility located at least 175 feet from adjacent arterial streets and behind a building that, combined with appropriate Type III landscaping, provides effective visual screening from adjacent streets.
8. Commercial parking subject to TMC Chapter 18.56, Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations.



9. Offices including, but not limited to, software development and similar uses, financial services, schools for professional and vocational education if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use, less than 20,000 square feet. This category does not include outpatient medical and dental clinics.
10. Offices including, but not limited to, software development and similar uses, financial services, schools for professional and vocational education if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use, 20,000 square feet and over.
11. Correctional institution operated by the City of Tukwila.
12. Family child care homes, provided the facility shall be licensed by the Department of Early Learning or its successor agency and shall provide a safe passenger loading zone.
13. Dormitory as an accessory use to other uses that are otherwise permitted or approved conditional uses such as churches, universities, colleges or schools.
14. Dwelling - multi-family units on a lot that does not front on Tukwila International Boulevard South, subject to the HDR requirements of TMC Section 18.50.083, Maximum Building Length, and TMC Section 18.52.060, 2-4, Recreation Space Requirements.
15. Dwelling - Multi-family units (Max. 22.0 units/acre except senior citizen housing which is allowed to 100 units/acre, as a mixed-use development that is non-industrial in nature); must be located on property adjacent to and not greater than 500 feet from the Green River, Tukwila Pond, or Minkler Pond.
16. See TMC Section 18.50.220 for accessory dwelling unit standards.
17. Manufactured/mobile home park, meeting the following requirements:
  - a. the development site shall comprise not less than two contiguous acres;
  - b. overall development density shall not exceed eight dwelling units per acre;
  - c. vehicular access to individual dwelling units shall be from the interior of the park; and
  - d. emergency access shall be subject to the approval of the Tukwila Fire Department.
18. NCC allows businesses that include a retail component in conjunction with their manufacturing operation and meeting other performance standards of Chapter 18.22. These businesses may manufacture, process, assemble and/or package the following:
  - a. foods, including but not limited to baked goods, beverages, candy, canned or preserved foods, dairy products and by products, frozen foods, instant foods and meats (no slaughtering);
  - b. pharmaceuticals and related products such as cosmetics and drugs;
  - c. bags, brooms, brushes, canvas, clay, clothing, fur, furniture, glass, ink, paints, paper, plastics, rubber, tile and wood;
  - d. electronic, mechanical, or precision instruments;
  - e. other manufacturing and assembly of a similar light industrial character;
  - f. industries involved with etching, lithography, printing, and publishing, meeting the City's performance standards and offering their services to the local populace on a walk-in basis;
  - g. businesses that service and repair the above products, that are entirely enclosed within a building, offering their services to the local populace on a walk-in basis and meeting the City's performance standards.
19. Where the underlying zoning is HI or TVS.

20. Minor expansion of an existing warehouse if the following criteria are met:
- The area of the proposed expansion may not exceed 5% of the floor area of the existing warehouse;
  - The proposed expansion will not increase any building dimension that is legally non-conforming;
  - Only one minor expansion may be permitted per warehouse in existence as of the date of adoption of the Tukwila South Project Development Agreement;
  - The proposed expansion must be constructed within two years of the date of approval;
  - The proposed development shall be compatible generally with the surrounding land uses in terms of traffic and pedestrian circulation, building and site design;
  - All measures have been taken to minimize the possible adverse impacts the proposed expansion may have on the area in which it is located.
21. Movie theaters with more than three screens if the following criteria are met:
- The applicant must demonstrate through an economic analysis that the theater will not have a significant financial impact on any other theater in Tukwila;
  - The proposed development shall be compatible generally with the surrounding land uses in terms of traffic and pedestrian circulation, building and site design;
  - The proposed theater must demonstrate substantial conformance with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Land Use Policy Plan and the Tukwila South Master Plan;
  - All measures have been taken to minimize the possible adverse impacts the proposed theater may have on the area in which it is located.
22. Offices, when such offices occupy no more than the first two stories of the building or basement and floor above.
23. Offices, when such offices occupy no more than the first two stories of the building, or basement and floor above, or three stories, in the Urban Redevelopment Area along Tukwila International Boulevard.
24. Offices; must be associated with another permitted use (e.g., administrative offices for a manufacturing company present within the MIC).
25. Offices not associated with other permitted uses and excluding medical/dental clinics, subject to the following location and size restrictions:
- New Office Developments:
    - New office developments shall not exceed 100,000 square feet of gross floor area per lot that was legally established prior to 09/20/2003.
    - No new offices shall be allowed on lots that abut the Duwamish River and are north of the turning basin. The parcels that are ineligible for stand-alone office uses are shown in Figure 18-12.
  - An existing office development established prior to 12/11/1995 (the effective date of the Comprehensive Plan) that exceeds the maximum size limitations may be recognized as a conforming Conditional Use under the provisions of this code. An existing office development established prior to 12/11/1995 (the effective date of the Comprehensive Plan) may convert to a stand-alone office use subject to the provisions of this code.
26. Planned shopping center (mall) up to 500,000 square feet.
27. Schools for professional and vocational education if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use.
28. Secure community transition facility, subject to the following location restrictions:
- No secure community transition facility shall be allowed within the specified distances from the following uses, areas or zones, whether such uses, areas or zones are located within or outside the City limits:
    - In or within 1,000 feet of any residential zone.
    - Adjacent to, immediately across a street or parking lot from, or within the line of sight of a "risk potential activity/facility" as defined in RCW 71.09.020 as amended, that include:
      - Public and private schools;
      - School bus stops;

- (c) Licensed day care and licensed preschool facilities;
  - (d) Public parks, publicly dedicated trails, and sports fields;
  - (e) Recreational and community centers;
  - (f) Churches, synagogues, temples and mosques; and
  - (g) Public libraries.
- (3) One mile from any existing secure community transitional facility or correctional institution.
- b. No secure community transition facility shall be allowed on any isolated parcel which is otherwise considered eligible by applying the criteria listed under TMC 18.38.050-12.a, but is completely surrounded by parcels ineligible for the location of such facilities.
- c. The distances specified in TMC 18.38.050-12.a shall be measured as specified under Department of Social and Health Services guidelines established pursuant to RCW 71.09.285, which is by following a straight line from the nearest point of the property parcel upon which the secure community transitional facility is to be located, to the nearest point of the parcel of property or land use district boundary line from which the proposed land use is to be separated.
- d. The parcels eligible for the location of secure community transition facilities by applying the siting criteria listed above and information available as of August 19, 2002, are shown in Figure 18-11, "Eligible Parcels for Location of Secure Community Transition Facilities." Any changes in the development pattern and the location of risk sites/facilities over time shall be taken into consideration to determine if the proposed site meets the siting criteria at the time of the permit application.
29. Private stable, if located not less than 60 feet from front lot line nor less than 30 feet from a side or rear lot line. It shall provide capacity for not more than one horse, mule or pony for each 20,000 square feet of stable and pasture area, but not more than a total of two of the above mentioned animals shall be allowed on the same lot.
30. No night clubs.
31. Theaters for live performances, not including adult entertainment establishments and movie theaters with three or fewer screens are permitted. Movie theaters with more than three screens will require a Special Permission Permit.
32. Automotive sales must have an enclosed showroom with no outdoor storage of vehicles. Pre-existing legally established uses in the TIB Study Area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, on December 15, 2020, are exempt from the enclosed showroom requirement, provided the use is limited to the existing parcel(s) currently occupied on that date. Pre-existing legally established automotive sales where existing parking lots abut the public frontage must provide effective visual screening of the parking lot from sidewalks (or street if no sidewalk currently exists) using Type II landscaping when any of the following occurs: an expansion or alteration of the structure, a change of ownership, or when the business is vacated or abandoned for more than 24 consecutive months and a new business is proposed.
33. Allowed; however, if in the TIB Study Area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, the following conditions apply: Outdoor storage of vehicles, tires, or other materials used for service is not permitted. Gas stations are permitted if the pumps and parking are located behind the building, the pumps meet the setback requirements, and the pumps comply with building and fire codes. Queuing lanes are not permitted between buildings and back of sidewalk. Wholesale distribution and storage of fuel (e.g. natural gas, propane, gasoline) are not permitted in the TIB Study Area. Pre-existing legally established automotive service uses with outdoor storage or parking abutting the public frontage must provide effective visual screening of the parking and outdoor stored materials from sidewalks (or street if no sidewalk currently exists) using Type II landscaping when any of the following occurs: an expansion or alteration of the structure, a change of ownership, or when the business is vacated or abandoned for more than 24 consecutive months and a new business is proposed.
34. Allow if the following are provided: a full-service restaurant and a Class A liquor license, 24-hour staffed reception, all rooms accessed off interior hallways or lobby, and a minimum 90 rooms.
35. Allowed, however if in the TIB Study area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, the following conditions apply: Drive-through facilities are permitted when located behind a building. Queuing lanes are not permitted between buildings and public frontage sidewalks. Where the use is located on a corner or with access to an alley, drive-throughs must exit to a side street or an alley that connects to a side street, where feasible.
36. Automotive rentals must have an enclosed showroom with no outdoor storage of vehicles. Pre-existing legally established uses in the TIB Study Area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, on December 15, 2020, are exempt from the enclosed showroom requirement, provided the use is limited to the existing parcel(s) currently occupied on that date.

37. Subject to the criteria and conditions at TMC 18.50.250 and 18.50.270.

38. Subject to the criteria and conditions at TMC 18.50.260 and 18.50.270.

39. [Tiny Home Villages are permitted, subject to the criteria and conditions at TMC Sections 18.50.240 and 18.50.270.](#)