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TINY HOMES GUIDE

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Tiny homes are being widely considered as both a possible answer to the affordable housing crisis and a solution to homelessness. When using tiny homes to house veterans experiencing or exiting homelessness, careful attention should be given to the individual homes as well as the shape or structure of each community.

While there is no “one size fits all” blueprint, at minimum these specifications aim to deliver communities that offer both quality and functionality.

These specifications are derived from interviews with tiny home providers, examples of existing communities, existing tiny home research, and mainstream housing options available to or targeted towards veterans.



INDIVIDUAL TINY HOME SPECIFICATIONS

- Each tiny home should be at least 250 sq. ft. when built for permanent housing
- Tiny homes smaller than 250 sq. ft. should be used for temporary or transitional housing
- Tiny homes should include a bathroom with a toilet and shower
- Tiny homes should include a kitchenette
- All tiny homes should have locks
- Each tiny home should include a designated storage space (indoor or outdoor)
- Tiny homes built for both temporary and permanent housing should be minimally furnished (bed, small desk, appliances and toiletries)
- Tiny homes should have electricity, heat, plumbing and insulation



TINY HOME COMMUNITIES SPECIFICATIONS

- Sites should contain 40 homes or less
- Developments should cater to specific subpopulations within the veteran population
- Each site should include a clubhouse or shared communal space where residents can receive supportive services and work towards housing stability (Shared space should include full bathrooms, full kitchens and a dining area)
- A code of conduct should be developed and signed by each resident
- Flexible lengths of stay should be allowed on all properties if residents continue case management and abide by the code of conduct
- Where applicable sweat equity and volunteer labor should be considered