

Safe Parking Martin Way/Carpenter Rd.



Thurston County, the City of Olympia, and the Regional Housing Council are collaborating on short-term and long-term strategies to address the unhoused population in Thurston County. The collaboration is to take a multi-phased approach with short-term actions while planning for the long-term solution.

In support of Providence St. Peter Hospital, the immediate short-term need to the RVs parked along Ensign Rd. is to move the most vulnerable individuals to a county owned property on Martin Way and Carpenter Rd.

Short-Term Strategy (Martin Way and Carpenter Rd.)

- Provide parking for 15–20 vehicles currently parked along Ensign Rd. in Olympia.
- Move in date tentatively scheduled for mid to late December.
- The timeline covers cold weather season supporting the needs of the vulnerable population during potential hazardous weather events.
- Use strict criteria to select the individuals to move to the new site. The focus is to move seniors and COVID vulnerable individuals.
- The proposed timeline for individuals to park in this short-term location is for six to seven months.
- The county and city are able to move quickly on this property as it is county owned. This will move some of the vehicles off Ensign Rd. in the shortest amount of time.
- The City of Olympia will provide hygiene and solid waste services, as well as access to city owned property for staff parking.
- Operation of the site will include staff on-site 24 hours a day, seven days a week to manage and support the site. This will include ensuring those living on-site and guests are following the rules of the site.

Long-Term Strategy

- The county and City of Olympia, through the Regional Housing Council, are working to purchase a piece of property at Franz–Anderson Rd.
- Can fit up to 50 RVs for a longer-term temporary solution.
- Ultimate plan is to use the property to build permanent supportive housing.

Regional Housing Council Website:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/bocc/Pages/Regional-Housing-Council.aspx>

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