

Kootenai County Temporary Hardship Units Information Brief

Q: What is a Temporary Hardship Use?

A: It is the placement of a temporary dwelling on a lot for the purposes of providing living quarters for a dependent relative or for a sponsor providing care to the dependent person.

Q: What type of documentation do I need?

A: A written statement shall be provided by a licensed physician, stating the nature of the medical dependency or physical or mental handicap. The care provider must also provide a narrative describing the type of care being provided.

Q: What are some requirements I need to follow?

A: Only one Temporary Hardship Use (THU) is allowed per lot. The lot must be a minimum of one acre in size. The living quarters of the THU shall be occupied by either the dependent relative or by the sponsor providing the care.

Q: Are there any other permits I will have to apply for?

A: Yes. Before the placement of any temporary residence, a building permit must be obtained. This permit may be obtained through the Kootenai County Building and Planning Department.

Q: How long is my Temporary Hardship Use permit valid?

A: Your THU permit is valid for two years from the date of issuance. The permit may be renewed, but it requires an updated physician's statement and the associated fees.

Q: How much will this process cost?

A: An application fee of \$220.00 is due at the time the application is submitted or approved. A \$55.00 fee is required for the renewal of permits.

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Q: Are there any other responsibilities I should be aware of?

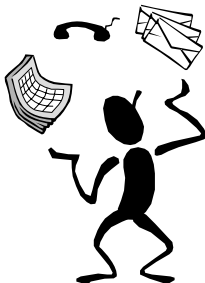
A: It is the responsibility of the sponsor to record a notice with the Recorder's Office stating that their Temporary Hardship Use:

- ✓ Is temporary and shall be removed upon termination of occupancy of either the dependent individual or sponsor providing care.
- ✓ Is temporary and shall be removed upon the sale or lease of the property.
- ✓ Provides living quarters for the individual who is named in the permit.
- ✓ Is not considered a use that is transferable upon the sale of the property.

☞ Important Notice ☞

Temporary Hardship Permits are prohibited in the following zones:

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| ☞ Commercial | ☞ Industrial |
| ☞ Light Industrial | ☞ Mining |
| ☞ High Density Residential | |



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