

## **Kootenai County Temporary Hardship Units Information Brief**

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**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:

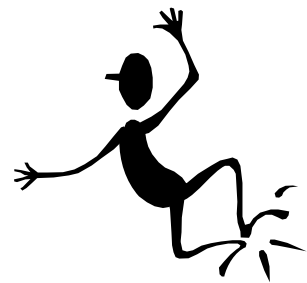
- ✓ Is temporary and shall be removed upon termination of occupancy of either the dependent individual or sponsor providing care.
- ✓ Is temporary and shall be removed upon the sale or lease of the property.
- ✓ Provides living quarters for the individual who is named in the permit.
- ✓ Is not considered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

## ☞ Important Notice ☞

Temporary Hardship Permits are prohibited in the following zones:

☞ Commercial  
☞ Light Industrial  
☞ High Density Residential

☞ Industrial  
☞ Mining



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