



# ZONING CODE INFORMATION GUIDE

## Information for Religious Institutions: Safe Park Program and Transitional Housing Allowances

**Religious institutions can host up to three vehicles a night, allowing people to safely park and sleep on their property:**

The Portland Zoning Code acknowledges State of Oregon allowances for religious institutions to host up to three vehicles for car camping per night. The provision written in Portland Zoning Code Section 33.920.470.B states “a religious institution may allow overnight car camping for up to three vehicles as specified in ORS 203.082” provided the guests have access to sanitary facilities. The City, in recognition of the benefits of these programs, has created guidelines to assist with the creation and activation of this community program.



**Religious Institutions can host up to 6 families for a period of up to 180 days.**

The Portland Zoning Code allows religious institutions to host up to 6 transitional housing units for a period of up to 180 days. These housing units, deemed temporary shelters, can range from Sunday school areas to auditoriums. For periods of less than 180 days, building code inspectors do not require permits. However, a conditional use permit is required through the Fire Marshal’s Office. Inspections are required as part of this conditional use permit. The number of guests allowed is dependent on the space of the area proposed and is limited to six households (defined in the Portland Zoning Code). These transitional housing units are listed as accessory uses to the Religious Institutions. Portland Zoning Code Section 33.920.470.B states “a transitional housing unit is a housing unit for one household and is occupied for less than 180 days within a calendar year.”

