

Welcoming, Empowering,
Safe Habitation Initiative with
Neighborhood Engagement



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WeShine Good Guest Agreement

Guest's Name: _____

Life in a WeShine Village is based not on your past, but on building a positive future for yourself in a small community setting. This is a chance for a fresh start. We will hold each *Village Guest* accountable to keep our community safe, clean, welcoming and peaceful.

To stay at the Village, you must agree to and follow our **Basic Community Rules:**

1. No violence to yourself or others.
2. Treat everyone and yourself with respect and courtesy.
3. No theft or criminal behavior.
4. No weapons allowed in the Village community, in your pod, or on Church property. This includes concealed weapons even with a permit.
5. No open use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia on-site or on Church property.
6. No ongoing behavior that is disruptive, scary or distressing to other Villagers, staff, or volunteers.
7. You must keep your own pod and the area around it clean and neat; your belongings must fit within the pod and its own storage space.
8. No visitors within the fenced village area. Service providers, volunteers, and others must be authorized by WeShine staff before entering the village.

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9. Only food in closed containers is allowed in the pods. No cooking or heating of any foods or liquids inside the pods. (City of Portland Rule)
10. No fires, smoking or any type of open flame are allowed within the pods. (City of Portland Rule) Guests may only smoke in the designated outdoor smoking area or on their front porches with appropriate fire-safe ashtrays. Guests will be expected to clean up cigarette butts and dispose of them on a daily basis.

Initial here to indicate you understand and agree to abide by these 10 rules _____

If, after screening, your pet is allowed to stay in your pod, do you agree to keep your pet on a leash when outside the pod and to clean up after your pet? **If yes, initial here.**

Every guest must contribute to the Village by:

- doing a minimum of 8 hours of “sweat” equity work each week.
- attending weekly *Village Council* meetings and *Special Council* meetings
- allowing an inspection of your pod every 30 days (*24-Hr Notice of Inspection* of all pods will be posted in community building) and
- following City of Portland quiet hours between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM.

When you move in, you will be a guest on a trial basis for the first 60 days. After 60 days, you will meet with the Village *Intake Committee (VIC)* to review how things are going and determine if you will be able to stay longer. **Initial here to show that you understand your first 60 days are on a trial basis.** _____

We would like to know if you have a skill or talent to offer the community? Please describe.

What are 3 goals you have for yourself in the next few months?

1.

2.

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3.

We will support you to achieve these goals. All guests are expected to work towards moving to a permanent housing location and must meet and talk with staff at least once a month about progress they are making and challenges they are dealing with. Failure to meet with or communicate with staff when asked could result in your being asked to leave the Village even if you are meeting other expectations.

Initial here to confirm that you understand that we are a temporary shelter, not permanent housing. _____

Initial here to confirm that you understand you must meet and talk with a WeShine staff member at least one time a month about your progress towards your personal goals to maintain your good standing as a guest. _____

You will have a maximum of 2 years from the date you become a WeShine guest to move into permanent housing. WeShine is leasing the property the Village sits on. When the lease ends, the Village may need to move to another site. If you are a guest in good standing at the time the lease ends, you may have an option to move to the new Village site to complete your two-year maximum stay. You will not be able to stay on this site once WeShine is no longer leasing the property.

Initial here to confirm that you understand that no camping is allowed on this property and that guests may remain for a maximum of two years. _____

WeShine staff will check in with you regularly to see how you are progressing. If you need help finding resources, WeShine staff or volunteers will try to help you. We are here to support your personal journey. Please don't let these rules discourage you. If you have a special need or circumstance, let us know.

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I have read the WeShine Village Good Guest Agreement and agree to live by these terms and the rules of the Village.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Witness: _____ **Date:** _____