



City of Tacoma
Neighborhood and Community Services Department

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Tacoma, WA

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Maureen,

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 2021 requesting that we consider leaving the micro-shelter site in operation at E. 60th and McKinley for a period of time longer than agreed upon with the property owner, Tacoma Housing Authority, and the surrounding community.

The City will be vacating that site no later than December 31, 2021. When the City places micro-shelter sites, we make a commitment to the surrounding community about the length of time the property will be in use for that purpose, and it is important to the success of siting future such endeavors that we honor those timelines. Council expressed support for honoring their commitments to the community during Council Study Session on June 22.

The City's Homeless Outreach Team and Tacoma Rescue Mission Search and Rescue staff have been engaged with individuals currently residing at S. 69th and Proctor and will continue to work with them to provide shelter ahead of the project commencing in that location.

The City shares the Coalition's commitment to ending street homelessness by November 1, 2021 and we continue to seek out available property that will allow us to establish a mitigation/stabilization site to serve those individuals in encampments who have the highest need and may not be best served by our current shelter system. The Coalition's continued support in working toward this goal is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda Stewart

Linda Stewart
Director