

ORDINANCE 612

CITY OF SHOREWOOD  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO  
SHOREWOOD CITY CODE CHAPTER 1201 RELATIVE TO SACRED COMMUNITIES AND MICRO-  
UNIT DWELLINGS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREWOOD, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1:** City Code Section 1201.02 is hereby amended as set forth below by adding the underlined language and deleting the ~~striketrough~~ language as follows:

**1201.02 DEFINITIONS.**

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**SACRED COMMUNITY RELATED.** The terms defined in this section apply only to the requirements of City Code 1201.03, Subd. 2. w. Sacred communities and micro unit dwellings.

**a. CHRONICALLY HOMELESS.** An individual who:

- (1) Is homeless and lives or resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an agency shelter;**
- (2) Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years; and**
- (3) Has an adult head of household, or a minor head-of-household if no adult is present in the household, with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of those conditions.**

**b. DESIGNATED VOLUNTEERS.** Persons who have not experienced homelessness and have been approved by the religious institution to live in a sacred community as their sole form of housing.

**c. EXTREMELY LOW INCOME.** An income that is equal to or less than 30 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size, as estimated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**d. MICRO UNIT.** A mobile residential dwelling providing permanent housing within a sacred community that meets the requirements established by Minnesota State Statute § 327.30, Subd. 4, as amended

e. SACRED COMMUNITY. A residential settlement established on or contiguous to the grounds of a religious institution's primary worship location primarily for the purpose of providing permanent housing for chronically homeless persons, extremely low-income persons, and designated volunteers that meets the requirements established by Minnesota State Statute § 327.30, Subd. 3, as amended

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**SECTION 2:** City Code Section 1201.03 is hereby amended as set forth below by adding the underlined language and deleting the ~~striketrough~~ language as follows:

**1201.03 GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

Subd. 2. *General building and performance requirements.*

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w. Sacred communities and micro unit dwellings.

(1) Micro unit dwellings in sacred communities are permitted accessory uses to all religious institutions located in any zoning district consistent with the requirements of Minnesota State Statute § 327.30, as amended.

(2) Consistent with manufactured homes, micro unit dwellings in sacred communities shall comply with all setback requirements for the zoning district in which they are located.

(3) Micro unit dwellings in sacred communities located within a Shoreland District shall comply with the requirements of City Code 1201.26.

**SECTION 3:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in the City's official newspaper.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREWOOD, MINNESOTA** this 13th day of January, 2025.



JENNIFER LABADIE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SANDIE THONE, CITY CLERK