



Georgetown Tiny House Village

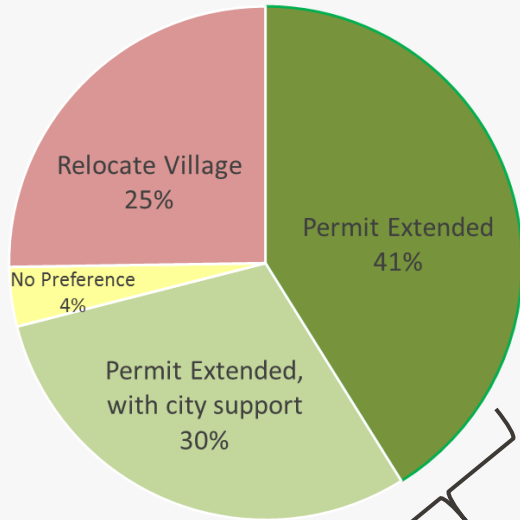
Community Input Survey Summary & Results

Georgetown Tiny House Village: Community Input Summary



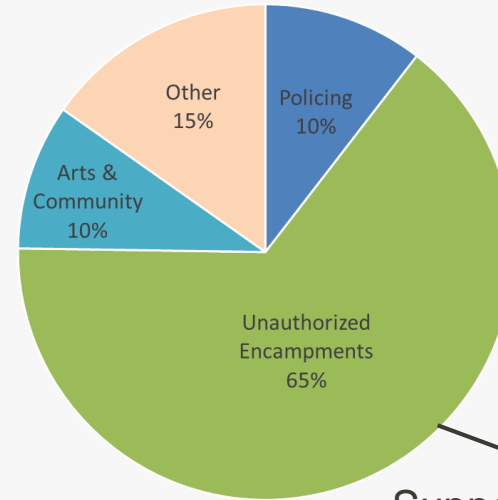
A significant majority of survey respondents prefer to see the village permit extended.

Sentiment Regarding Continued Operation



Responses	
Permit Extended	44
Permit Extended, with city support	32
No Preference	4
Relocate Village	27

Support desired from City of Seattle



Responses	
Policing	11
Unauthorized Encampments	68
Arts & Community	10
Other	16

71% in favor of extension

Support with unauthorized encampments desired

Extension Type

Community preference for renewable year at a time extension

Responses	
Year at a Time	48
One year Only	19
Open Ended	32

Comments – Reflected overall village support, but broad frustration with crime, city of Seattle support, and unauthorized encampments

- "...village is an asset to Georgetown community..."
- "Crime in area up 27%..."
- "Tiny House villages are ok. ... horrible tents, RV's with rubbish ... destructive to community"

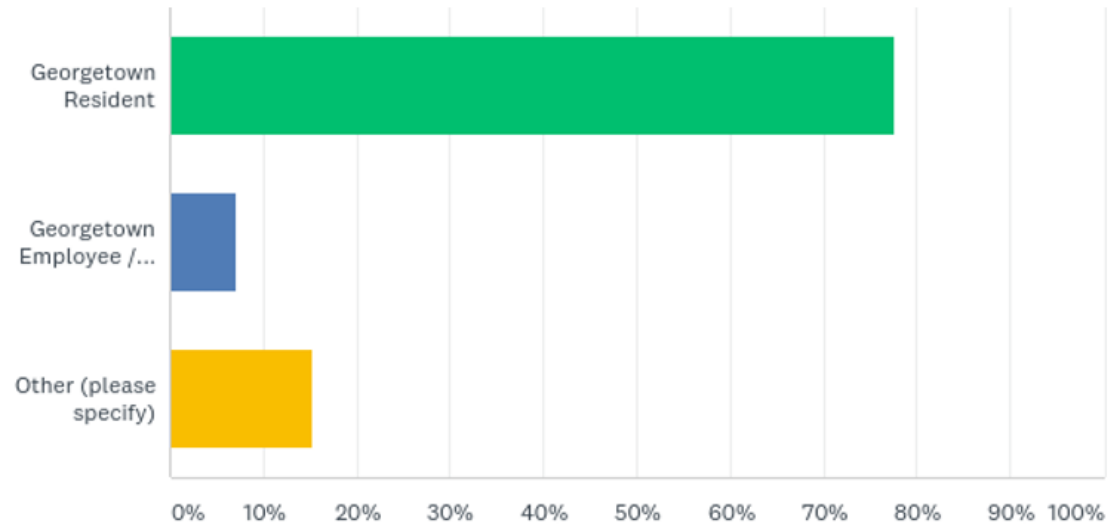
Responses & Demographics

Responses	
Residents	87
Employees / Business Owners	8
Other*	17
Total	112

*includes nearby residents, visitors, property owners, etc.

Q2: Community Affiliation

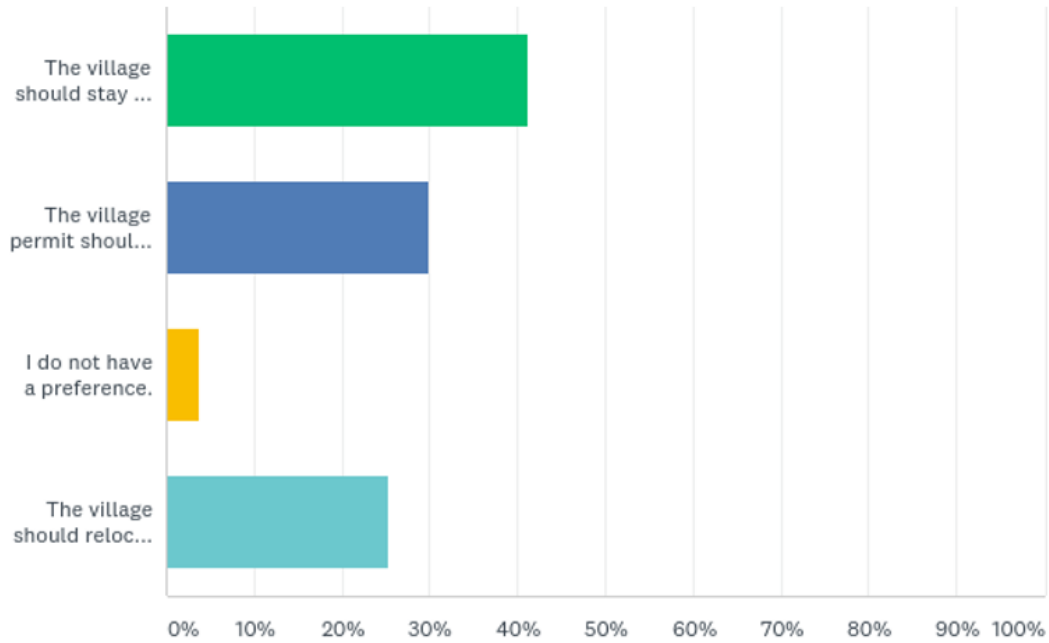
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Georgetown Resident	77.68%	87
Georgetown Employee / Business Owner (Non-Resident)	7.14%	8
Other (please specify)	15.18%	17
TOTAL		112

Q3: What is your sentiment regarding the continued operation of the Georgetown Tiny House Village?

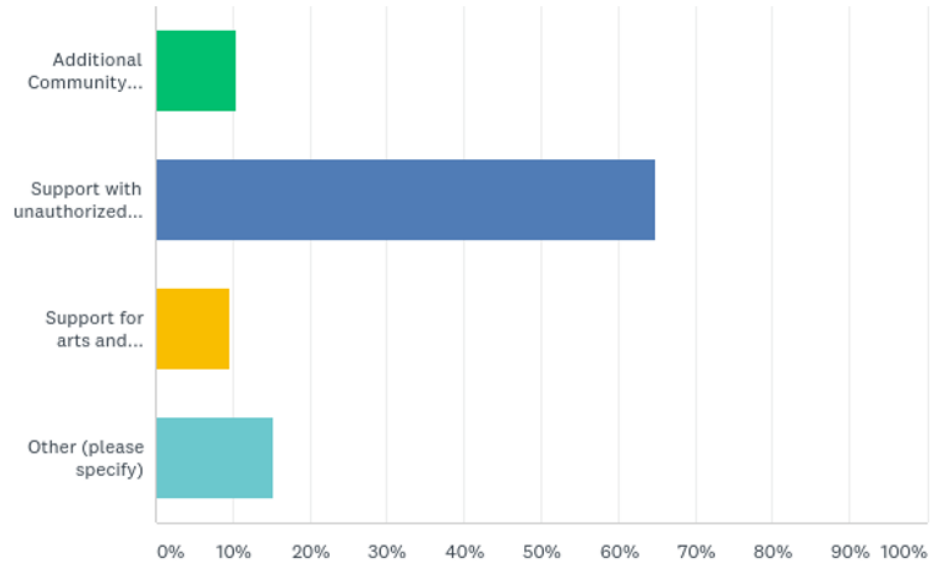
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Year at a time extension	49.48%	48
Single extension of one year	19.59%	19
Open ended extension	32.99%	32
Total Respondents: 97		

Q5: If you would request additional community support from the City of Seattle what specifically would that be?

Answered: 105 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Additional Community Police Support	10.48%	11
Support with unauthorized homeless encampments in Georgetown (cleanup, outreach, and safety)	64.76%	68
Support for arts and community events	9.52%	10
Other (please specify)	15.24%	16
TOTAL		105



Comments Summary

Supportive of Village:

- Overall I believe the Tiny House Village and it's residents have been an asset to the Georgetown community. I appreciate the village's community oriented attitude and have had nothing but positive experiences with the residents.
- I bike late at night thru Georgetown and past the tiny house village at least weekly. Initially I was afraid of safety concerns because I am a solo female cyclist and that area is sparsely populated. However, I have not noticed an increase in suspicious activity / an increased risk to my safety at all. It seems very quiet and I am glad there are folks who are making use of the support.
- I commented elsewhere, but they have my full support!
- It's a safe, quiet and peaceful community. We need more of them for the homeless so they can experience safety and community while rebuilding their lives.
- They have been great neighbors, we need more shelter like this throughout the city.
- Continued operation and support of the GTTHV will provide stability for both current and future residents of said village. Knowing their home base is secure gives them peace of mind which allows them to focus on rehabilitation.
- We need to build more housing in gt of all types—everything from tiny houses to the nice stuff, but especially in-between. Public housing, low income housing, workforce housing, market rate housing.
- It is a good thing and should be allowed to continue in its current location
- I think it's great that we have a Tiny House Village here. Seems like the least that the city can do, and they should do more to reduce homelessness.
- Would love to see this expanded to other places around Seattle. Please share how we can help.
- I would hope the city can commit to more of tge projects. Homelessness is a solvable problem.
- I visit Tiny Village at least once a week bringing either food donations, clothing or needed supplies. The people there are good people who deserve a stable life off of the street, until they can have a home of their own, tiny village gives them that stability. Uprooting them would be detrimental to not only the people living there, but for the community as a whole. A lot of people care about the those who live there and give freely with their time and generosity.
- The Georgetown Tiny House Village residents have been good neighbors. I am happy to have them in my community and I hope they get an open ended permit to stay.
- They are great and should stay!!!! I would support making it permanent.
- These people are part of our community and should stay. There is a homelessness crisis in Seattle and tiny house villages are so vital in being part of a solution.
- I wish all neighborhoods could provide this service to the homeless. Many neighborhoods could benefit.
- I live two blocks away and have had nothing but positive encounters with the Village residents.
- I think the Tiny House Village is a wonderful part of our community and I'm thankful to have it. It's residents are members of our community and I wouldn't want them to be displaced or have their lives disrupted further.
- I feel the tiny village should be permanent in the community. I believe in housing first and all humans deserve to have a roof over their heads



Supportive of Village:

- This is currently the most viable positive option for Seattle residents who have been put out on the streets by the tech industry migration and the city planners poor greedy decision making. More of these villages need to be instituted in other areas where Seattle residents have gathered after being turned out onto the streets. The extent of the homelessness in Seattle could have been avoided but greed superseded the obligation the council and planners had to the community and this is the backlash. It is on the city to help resolve this situation in the long term and make housing available and affordable again for every income bracket in the long term. This is by no means a solution but rather a necessary stop gap while we work to get everyone off the streets and back into homes.
- It's a shining example of one way to approach this problem
- The monetary and disruptive cost of moving the village is not warranted if the village is providing a safer, healthier alternative to unmanaged encampments and is not causing more harm in the area than the alternative.
- I believe it is valuable service and we need to add more around the City. If we leave it where it is, can the \$500K be used to build another Tiny Village in another neighborhood?
- Thanks to all those who make it possible and keep it running.
- Seems like a great idea that should be supported by all!
- I am glad Georgetown s helping this group
- It seems like a success--I support its continued existence.
- Hearing stories of successful transitions to permanent housing from the village would be great. If folks are not able to successfully transition to permanent housing, why not and how can the community assist?
- As long as the residents of the tiny house village are happy there, they are not negatively affecting our community in any ways that I am aware of. I have been there to drop of donations and have been greeted by friendly people.
- I think these tiny house villages are extremely important and should be supported
- We need to find solutions to the homelessness problem. Tiny House Village is a start.

Supportive of village but concern with other issues in Georgetown:

- I think the tiny house village is great. My only concerns are with the many non-sanctioned camps of RVs that are popping up around our neighborhood.
- I feel that the village itself is wonderful. I worry that it is acting as a magnet for less desirable homeless folks though.
- We're happy to have the tiny house village. The residents have never been an issue. Our greatest challenge is disrespectful RV residents and lack of trash management from the city for these living unsheltered. Additionally I would hope that the city has a stringent time commitment to moving folks out of the tiny homes and into permanent affordable housing.
- The Georgetown Tiny House Village and its residents are an integral part of the neighborhood and I strongly support it staying for as long as necessary. When the City originally decided to locate the village here it made a number of commitments to the neighborhood around increased services (police, navigation teams, etc . . .). I think its time the city follow through on these commitments.
- Package theft and property crime (theft) has increased over the last two years as homelessness has increased in Georgetown, but I don't blame the tiny house residents. I blame the homeless in tent shelters and cars. The tiny house village is helping provide stability for the residents there and its part of the solution. I hope it is allowed to stay.
- While I feel the city dumped this site in an area lacking in services, grocery stores, drug stores, etc., I am otherwise supportive of its presence in the community. What I've read seems to demonstrate the effectiveness of these villages in routing residents to permanent housing. It's a shame the city is so half-assed in its commitment to expand these and help them succeed.
- I am on the opposite side of GT from the camp so its impact is minimal to me. Much bigger issue in my area (near playfield) is all the RV's, several of which have extremely unsanitary conditions about them. I am generally supportive of tiny home villages when basic conditions regarding respectful and non self destructive behavior are enforced. I do feel that to spread impact around, villages should move every couple of years. I would gladly trade an extension of the GT location for a visible and sustained increase in enforcement of RV camping (outreach, cleanups, enforcement of parking laws, etc) however.
- I do support the Tiny House Village as it offers a regulated structure for those trying to get back on their feet. However I have concerns that our support of this village has turned us into a magnet neighborhood for homelessness, especially unsanctioned tent camps and illegal motor home encampments, and unfortunately the crime that at time goes along with them. Our tiny neighborhood should not be forced to shoulder more than our share of the burden as the homelessness issue is affecting all of Seattle.
- Everyone in Georgetown (Nicklesville, other local residents, and businesses) are stretched thin, but, if possible, we all need to do more to create connections and understanding between these groups so that no one is judged, or their future is determined, by assumptions.
- I'm curious if there's any data that accurately shows the efficacy of this program. I'm glad to know that some of our homeless people have been put into tiny houses but I'm dubious about this as a long term solution. I'm also curious about the cost of operating this program. Is there a budget? Are we operating within that budget? Is there an end game for those we are trying to help? I was homeless 15 years ago. I'm not any longer. I got clean and sober and worked really hard to change the direction of my life. A lot of people helped me. I'm grateful to them and for them. I hope by supporting this program that we'll be able to give these people real help.
- Tiny House Villages are ok. Self governing, clean. It is the horrible tents, RV's with rubbish, loose dogs, belligerence, noise, petty theft, tagging that is so destructive to the community. It just shouldn't be allowed at all.
- It has been fine. But, it plus the 200 RVs, and sobriety is more than the community should take
- I think the Tiny House Village concept is great. As a resident, I am very unhappy with the influx of campers in the area. Georgetown seems to need improvement by way of cleanup and security in the neighborhood and around businesses in general. The Tiny House village is welcome to stay. I would like the city to take care of the residents in the area too.



Issues with Crime:

- It is hard to deny that Georgetown's crime has surged. I don't believe anyone is saying it is because of the village BUT it is the other populations that often follow villages. We asked the city to address this BEFORE the encampment opened: it did not. The crime is out of control and our quality of life has been impacted. We want to continue being compassionate but not at the expense of others.
- Crime in area up 27% not all of it can be attributed to tiny house dwellers but a good bit is.
- Crime is the worst since we have lived here 2005. Drastic uptick since the village was created.
- This does nothing to really help homeless people get out of their situation and back into society, it just plagues the region with increased crime and vandalism.
- Crime has gone up since installation of the tiny house village, which I have personally witnessed and been victim to. Correlation does not necessarily equal causation, but I believe it is a disturbing trend. No renewal without better enforcement which we will not see.
- The property crime escalation statistics in Georgetown since the Tiny Village opened cannot be denied. It is staggering. We have all been victimized. While I don't believe the Village's complying residents are responsible, its presence in such close proximity to the neighborhood encourages other unauthorized encampments. The city has failed to do anything but provide talk and no action to the rampant theft, car prowling, gas siphoning, drug use exposure and trespassing our community has to endure and has to announce on the Nextdoor site and Georgetown Community Discussion Board. The only leverage this community has is to force a change in this village location. Not suggesting the village residents should be leverage, but one more year of city inaction just cannot be tolerated. Other city locations for these tiny villages have seen the same uptick in drug use and property crimes. Police the community, clean up all the unauthorized encampments and maybe the community will be less concerned about this village. I feel my survey input is a waste of time. I don't think anything will change and many of my compassionate Georgetown neighbors say the same. We want to help but we are tired of being constantly victimized.
- I believe in housing for the homeless but my tenants and friends in the neighborhood tell me crime has increased. This affects my property value and I believe other neighborhoods in the city should share the responsibility.
- I've lived in Georgetown for 8 years. Until the village moved in I never had an issue with break ins, theft, or harassment. Now it seems to be a weekly occurrence. I feel the need to carry pepper spray at the very least, just walking home from the bus. I know that many in the village are not tied with these events, but it has seemed to attract those that are to the area.
- The city sanctioned encampment in Georgetown has been an unmitigated disaster, crime is daily, police are non-existent...I dream of the day that I can leave this cesspool.
- I believe most of the crime in our neighborhood is coming from the small unmanaged encampments.



Issues with Village:

- I'm pissed, but not surprised, that the city swore up and down that the encampment would be there only two years, and now they want to extend it. I don't believe all the residents are sober, and I don't like that the ones they do remove from the encampment just end up walking the streets of the neighborhood. I know the problem is a difficult one, I just wish the city wouldn't lie to us about their intentions.
- We lived across the street from the camp and the fire station. We had several issues living that close to the camp, but the one that I will choose as the deal breaker is we were promised that background checks would be done for those living in the camps. This was not the case based on personal interactive experience. If people are thrown out of the camp for breaking rules such as an overdose, they are back on the street in front of the house we own. We now rent the house in question and no longer live there. There is little to no police patrols in Georgetown so we are on our own as residents and property owners.
- too much with the campers
- increase in crime, litter, and transient traffic. we are welcoming but this is not a good location for humans trying to get back on their feet.
- I am not in favor of having this tiny house village in our community and should be moved elsewhere as there are already too many homeless, homeless camps, crime, drugs, and transients within the community and has only gotten worse.
- The neighborhood is not good for people trying to adapt it does not have food or public transportation and is unsafe due to the many illegal drug addicts living in RV's and cars intimidating folks, prowling and committing crimes.
- The Homeless community in general has gotten out of control! That is not to say that villages are the problem but it just adds to it!
- I have lived here for 19 years, the way things have deteriorated in the past 3 years it's demoralizing, I wish I could leave
- With the wet shelter moving in, I do fear it places too big of a burden on our small community. I have been here since early 90's. And I would hate to see all the gain we have made be lost. As it is, I drive to work as I do not feel safe at the bus stop in early morning. 0515-0800 hrs.
- We have seen an uptick in crime since this has been in the neighborhood, time to move on, NOT in Georgetown. It has attracted more homeless to the area. We should not accommodate or tolerate this camp. Do what you promised to do, and terminate this camp after two years. There was supposed to be discussion after one year to extend, but, no surprise, nothing was said or done. **NO EXTENSION, NO MORE DUMPING ON GEORGETOWN.** No exceptions for breaking the rules, either!
- A better system to regulate the Tiny Village residents who are kicked out to ensure if they are breaking community rules they are leaving the Georgetown Community as a whole (if possible). Ensure this continues to be a drug and alcohol free site. Start back up with trash pick up walks with tiny village residents. I noticed it for a while but have stopped seeing them walking the neighborhood.



Other:

- The GT neighborhood and citizens have had to absorb disproportionate impacts from a broad range of issues from homelessness to industry to property crime and lack of services. The siting of the THV here puts those living there at risk, provides little in the way of services/transportation and sets up an adversarial dynamic between GT residents and THV occupants. The city NEEDS to consider better options for its internally displaced people's and get a plan to track people in to stable code abiding residency.
- I have not seen problems from the camp
- I'd like to see addiction & mental health counseling, & possibly job re-training or assistance getting work. I think some lesser fees attached to living there, or work program if it's in exchange for rent. I do think we all have to contribute to society, either w/ \$ or time.
- I wish we had a grocery store here so everyone could at least have food close by. I've only seen members of the tiny house community helping to clean up the streets two times in the last year.. I thought it was supposed to be daily:(
- The Georgetown community needs city support for better bus service, cross walks, and a next step for the people in the tiny house camp. There also needs to be a collaboration with businesses in the area to provide basic services (food, laundry, medicine, etc.)
- We are taking on a lot. Something has to give. We can take on 2 of 3 things - RVs, Tiny Village, Sobriety center. But, not all three. If we get sobriety center, probably not support renewal of permit for tiny house unless all unsanctioned encampments were cleared.
- I would like to see data regarding those that leave the Village: reasons for leaving and any information about finding a home, job, moving to another shelter, etc. If there is no data, that is also important information.
- I would like to see educational opportunities made available to the residents.
- I'd love to see more long-term affordable housing solutions in Georgetown and the environs. We have the room for larger apartment buildings and complexes. We just need more frequent bus service, a grocery store, and more police support.



Appendix



Responses to Community Affiliation: Other (Please Specify)

GT Property owner, long-time (but not current) GT resident
Property Owner across from fire station and on Carleton
South Park resident
Frequent visitor- I LOVE G-TOWN
Neighbor
Former resident, still own a rental house in Georgetown
Frequent businesses/volunteer there
Live and work in neighboring neighborhoods on either side of Georgetown
Former resident, frequent visitor and supporter of GT businesses
Artist & therefore frequent Georgetown visitor
Prior resident
Frequently drink there
Mooninite
Villager – SURVEY RESPONSE REMOVED
South Park resident, frequent visitor
I am in Georgetown several times a week.
Previous neighborhood resident now living within 3 miles who still has friends living and working in the neighborhood and visits often.



Responses to City Support Requested: Other (Please Specify)

More police; a community center; buy the Aerlane hotel and convert that to low income housing

Since we lived across the street from the camp, real follow up with issues in the camp. It wasn't happening while we were living there to near the degree it should be.

community police and unauthorized homeless. we have worked so hard and things are only getting worse.

Employment training

RV removal, Police, public transportation,

How about all of the above!

All of the above

Police support and support with unauthorized encampments

Police do not enforce existing laws, prosecutors don't prosecute, please remove this encampment.

All of the above contribute to a safer, healthier community, which is what these villages need to be surrounded by to be successful.

Arts, yes, but also more affordable housing and a light rail line.

Additional police and something done about the unauthorized encampments in both Georgetown and South Park.

Police support, support with homeless encampments, and support to encourage a grocery store in the community. Additional buses would be great too.

Support for Tiny Village residents in accessing City resources (food, employment, transportation, etc.).

More patrols, more eviction of homeless camps and RVs,

Ensure that problematic streets like 8th ave S., Fidalgo and areas around parks designated no overnight RV camping zones and the the designation is enforced



Responses to Type of Permit Extension (Additional Details)

N/A; let another neighborhood do their part

I won't choose one. Another area can a 2 year period.

City needs to abide by the ordinance it passed and the promises made.

I feel a permit longer than one year is fine, such as 2 years; does open ended equal forever?

I was once a resident of another Nickelsville location before moving to a stable and permanent housing in Georgetown. It saved my life, and I know the residents from my time both homeless and now as a member of the Georgetown community. They are quiet, respectful, great, self managed community who have enhanced and added to Georgetown, rather than taking from it. Having to move would disrupt the stability they have created for themselves there. Please let them stay!

None of the above

Homelessness is not going away, until there is adequate ultra low income housing, we need to continue the tiny house villages

This is a responsibility other neighborhoods should share

No extension

I believe this is an important and viable service to the community and people of Seattle.

No extension, we do not have the services required.

Please extend this wonderful village for decades to come. If we are where we are with homelessness now, we are going to be worse in years to come. This program is needed and essential to our homeless neighbors and our community

I'm not sure I know enough about it. The Clean & Sober tiny villages seem fine, some of the others not so much.

I think it should be periodically reviewed, but reviewing every year is too much of a burden. Every 2-3 years would be fine

We should make it permanent

A two year extension seems reasonable

Please discontinue the village as it has brought blite and crime upon Georgetown

I feel open extended is what is right, but feel like keeping the conversation in regular cadence might encourage people to want to help address the causes of homelessness - keep it top of mind :)

Home stability is crucial to healthy living no matter your financial status

So that the neighborhood can always revisit the decision

Something more long-term like 5-10 years at a time to help provide stability for residents, operators, social workers, City of Seattle, etc.

I like the idea of supporting affordable housing. But we should be investing in longterm solutions - actual housing.

I would prefer a 2 year extension with the city's commitment to building affordable housing for residents.

NO EXTENSION, and no open-ended consideration, EVER!

either the sobriety center or village - not both

Don't feel knowledgeable enough to answer this

I would like the city to find a more suitable location for a long term location.