

Home Sharing

SUMMARY

Home sharing is two or more unrelated people sharing a home. A private bedroom is offered up by one party, and the parties agree on rent, chores, or help with household work (or a combination of both). Typically, an agreement is made between the parties, and those agreements are unique to the individual situation. Formal adult home sharing programs serve those over 18 years of age. There are different types of home sharing options to include market-driven adult home sharing; non-profit, government or partnerships that offer adult home sharing programs to seniors and those that need housing, as well as short-term rentals. For more information, view the [Housing page](#) on our website.

BACKGROUND

A [presentation](#) was given to Council in June 2022 which was overview of the home sharing model. While the City does not have any direct involvement in home sharing programs, there is an organization in the community that assists in orchestrating this service and offsets the housing crisis.

CURRENT STATUS

In the region, [Olympic Area Agency on Aging \(O3A\)](#) has recently partnered with [Silvernest](#) to provide home sharing. On the O3A [website](#), one can list their space, which is free to do, or they can sign up to rent a space. There is more information, including eligibility requirements, on their website. At this point, City Council has not asked for further work from staff in this area and expressed that this service should be administrated by the private or non-for-profit sector and not the city of Sequim municipality.