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# Special Care Unit

## WHAT IS A SPECIAL CARE UNIT?

A special care unit is a mobile or manufactured home that is placed upon the same lot as a single-family dwelling when a person(s) needs special, frequent and routine care and assistance by reason of advanced age or ill health.

The special care unit provides housing for either the caregiver or the person(s) needing care.

[Kitsap County Code Title 17.410.050, Footnote 43](#) is the code provision that allows for a special care unit to be placed on a piece of property in unincorporated Kitsap County.

A special care unit must be a mobile or manufactured home because it will be considered a temporary and removable structure.

## WHAT ARE THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF HAVING A SPECIAL CARE UNIT?

Please contact the Kitsap County Assessor's Office at: [assessor@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:assessor@co.kitsap.wa.us) or (360)337-5777 to discuss the tax assessment implications of having a special care unit on a property.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A SPECIAL CARE UNIT?

- No more than two individuals shall be the recipients of special care.
- No rent, fee, payment, or charge in lieu thereof may be made for use of the single-family dwelling or mobile/manufactured home as between recipients or providers of the special care.
- The manufactured or mobile home must meet the setback requirements of the zone in which it is situated.
- A [building permit](#) must be obtained authorizing the placement of the special care home. The permit must be applied for, reviewed, approved, issued, and have approved inspections including a final inspection.
- There is no maximum building size for a special care home.
- Such permit shall remain in effect for one year and may, upon application, be extended for one-year periods, provided there has been compliance with the requirements of this section.
- The manufactured or mobile home must be removed when the need for special care ceases.
- Placement of the manufactured or mobile home is subject to applicable health district standards for water service and sewage disposal. Contact [Kitsap Public Health District](#) for further details about these standards at: (360)728-2235 or [online](#).