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Richmond, Apr 29 -- Whether you are just starting your Tiny Home experience or a seasoned adventurer-you will find all things for your journey at this year's event. This expo will answer so many questions about the tiny house movement.

What is the difference in an RV and a Tiny House? Lets start with the basics. An RV is designed for temporary use, with a lifespan of 7-10 years. A Tiny House is stick built construction, meant to endure 30-50 years.

More questions? No problem- you can find the answers at the show. Industry experts will conduct educational seminars, demonstrations, and explain the latest innovative solutions and products.

IMPORTANT NOTE * Tiny houses on wheels (THOWs) are small, portable homes that can be easily moved from place to place. They're often built on a trailer chassis and range in size from 100 to 400 square feet. There are many reasons why people choose this type of home: some want the flexibility of being able to move around with their house; others want to live off-grid; still others just enjoy the challenge of building something small and simple--and maybe even affordable :-)



The Tiny House Movement Laws and Ordinances

Benefits of Tiny Houses on Wheels

>Cost savings. Tiny houses are a great way to save money on housing. They're also more affordable than traditional homes, making them a popular choice among millennials who want to live in cities but don't have the funds for a mortgage or rent payments.

> Mobility. Because they can be moved from place to place, tiny houses offer flexibility in terms of where you live and how long you stay there. You can even take your tiny house with you if you move out of state or country!

> Limited space requirements mean less time spent cleaning up after yourself (and others). With fewer rooms than most traditional homes have, there's less clutter around which means less work when it comes time for cleaning up after yourself (or having someone else do it).

So...What's Happening with Placement Options for Tiny Houses on Wheels

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Tiny House Design Elements That Will Make or Break Your Tiny Living Experience

In our line of work, we tour a ton of tiny houses. We also talk with a lot of people living the lifestyle. And what has the sum of our experience taught us? That design is everything when it comes to small spaces. That's why we are dedicating today's blog post to highlighting a few of the design elements that will make or break your tiny living experience!

Are you ready? Let's Dive in!

Natural Light

When you live in four hundred square feet or less, natural light is your friend! It will make any space seem bigger. You don't want to feel like you're in a box; you want to feel like you are in a home, and that means having room to breathe!

Most people think of traditional windows when they think of natural light, but while those are helpful, they are not the only way to invite natural light into your tiny home. Skylights are another option and are a relatively common tiny house feature for good reason! They provide the kind of overhead lighting that turns an ordinary room into the stuff of Instagram fantasies!

If you are as dedicated to natural light as we are, here's one more thing you might consider: a glass front door. If you can swing glass French doors, even better. Trust



us, when it comes to natural lighting, just say yes. Your future tiny-self will thank you!

* People often ask

about windows as they pertain to temperature control. More windows will make temperature control somewhat more difficult. We find that in tiny houses, the trade-off is worth it. In van life, it's often not.

Minimal Rubix-cubing

Rubix-cubing is when you have to move things around to use something in your home. For example, maybe you have to put your footstool on your couch to give you enough floor space to do yoga, or maybe you have to unfold your dining room table from the wall when you have company over to eat. Rubix-cubing is a part of tiny life, but it's important to plan your build so that it's not a big part!

We know it seems easy enough to unfold the table from the wall, but any experienced tiny dweller will tell you that these micro-inconveniences add up. And if you have too many of them, you will probably continue on pg 4



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IDAHO WITH GUIDANCE FROM NOAH, HAILEY, IDAHO ANNOUNCES AMENDMENT TO THE HAILEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE THOWS!
On Feb. 13th, the Hailey City Council passed the first reading of an ordinance recognizing "tiny homes on wheels" as a legal type of backyard housing unit that could be parked in any of Hailey's residential zoning districts. Before going into the books as final, two more readings were required and that happened on February 27th and March 13th, according to City Planner Cece Osborn. For three months, the council worked on how to define a Tiny Home on Wheels and came to the agreement that they would be titled as accessory structures. Osborn explained that city staff, along with stakeholders from Blaine County and the tiny-home industry, had been debating since December whether to define THOWs as a type of recreational vehicle. The group decided against that definition, she said, "Because the city of Hailey is not prepared to allow year-round occupancy in any type of RV."

Sat 10:00
Sun 10:30



" Must Do" Steps for Successful Decluttering
Brenda Mason-Parmelee, Best Selling Author

Brenda teaches you how to get unstuck from the overwhelm of your clutter. You'll learn the '3 Must Do' Foundational Steps in the journey to truly creating a clutter-free home. By showing you how and where to begin, to have the confidence in your decisions of what to keep or let go of, and to address the hard/overwhelming moments in the process. Ultimately creating your Home Oasis!

Sat 11:00
Sun 11:30



YurtGrrl's Top 10 Tiny House Tips Kari Cooper, Yurt Grrl

A great primer for the beginner as well as the professional, there's something for everyone in these tiny house tips! Reap the benefits of YurtGrrl's almost twelve years of experience in the tiny house industry. Ask your burning questions and learn new resources. Begin your tiny journey here! YurtGrrl will also be giving away prizes to a few lucky audience members!

"TINY HOMES ON WHEELS (THOW): an accessory structure with a footprint between 100 and 400 square feet in size that provides seasonal or year-round independent living facilities, including provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation, and has been certified to meet the required building standards."

Sat 12:00
Sun 12:30

Building Standards: NOAH+ Standard
In 2022, Blaine County, Idaho adopted their Tiny Homes on Wheels Ordinance. They approached NOAH for guidance as they recognized the NOAH+ Standard to be in line with the standards that they will require these accessory structures to possess. NOAH's compilation is a set of building standards referred to as the NOAH+ Standard. The NOAH+ Standards include fire and life safety standards, as well as, building standards from multiple entities that include the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electric Code (NEC), and the International Residential Code (IRC). As in Blaine County, Hailey will also require that all THOWs will be inspected and certified to the NOAH+ Standard.

Sat 1:00
Sun 1:30



Panel Discussion Melanie Atkinson, Moderator

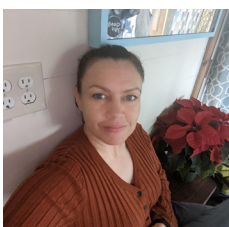
Interactive discussion from industry leaders, exploring the tiny side of everything. Energy Awareness, Upcycling, Simple Living.

Update on ASTM Tiny House Standards and Tiny House Ordinances in Action
Robin Butler, NOAH Founder

The scope of the new ASTM Tiny House Standards Committee is offered covering the creation of a set of global standards for tiny houses, with attention to safety, quality, uniformity, reliability, and consumer confidence. Talk includes definitions for a tiny house on wheels standard, promoting a common language between countries, consumers, regulatory bodies, jurisdictions, manufacturers, organizations, and government officials.

I went on to mention, as the Founder and CEO of NOAH "This is a great step for the housing crisis in Hailey and our hope is that the surrounding communities follow suit just as Hailey followed Blaine County."

Sat 3:00
Sun 3:00



Tiny House Communities & Other Parking Options
Jill Kanto Founder, Search Tiny Villages.com

The spectrum of available communities (& other tiny house parking options)

- > The pros & cons of each parking option
- > Resources for finding a parking spot
- > Common mistakes when founding a community
- > Tools to improve the quality of life when living in a community setting do

In an email, Osborn said "The tiny homes would be subject to these building standards set forth by NOAH. NOAH's services have certainly been key to our effort." In addition to the NOAH+ Standard, City Staff proposes that THOWs located in the City of Hailey adhere to the snow load standards required for all other residential structures and dwelling units in Hailey. In deliberating the insulation requirements for THOWs, City Staff consulted with Blaine County Staff, NOAH, and THOW manufacturers in the region. In the end, Staff decided to align with Blaine County's insulation requirements, which can be understood as a middle ground. Blaine County's insulation requirements are less than those required for ADUs and other dwelling units. However, the proposed requirements are greater than those required for Park Model RVs, which are a temporary or seasonal living facility on wheels permitted by State Law and Blaine County.

Addressing Housing Needs & Solutions
Affordable housing is a critical issue in the United States, as many people struggle to find decent and affordable places to live. There is a significant shortage of affordable housing across the country, particularly in urban areas where housing costs have skyrocketed in recent years. Hailey recognized that one of the advantages of tiny houses is their lower cost compared to traditional homes. The smaller size of a tiny house means that it requires fewer building materials, and can be built in less time, which can reduce the overall cost. Additionally, the smaller size means that tiny houses typically require less energy to heat and cool, which can result in lower utility bills.

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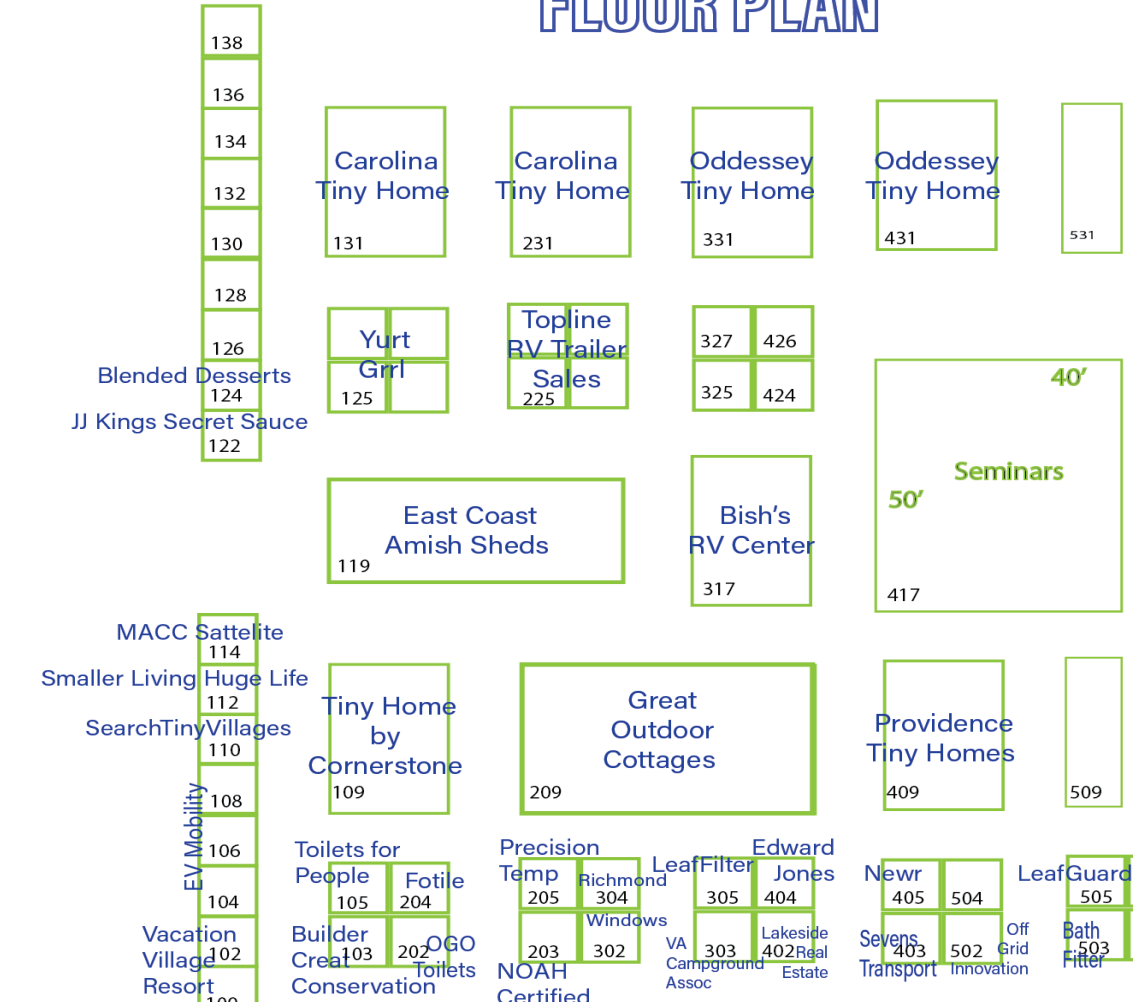
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Tiny Home Ordinances cont'd

Hailey City Councilman Sam Linnet lauded the tiny-home ordinance for its potential to provide diverse, lower-cost housing options. "I appreciate all of the thought that went into this," he said. "The proposed standards help us manage tiny homes in a way that would protect adjacent property owners and doesn't change the whole feel of neighborhoods, doesn't create trailer parks or create public safety issues."

Councilwoman Kaz Thea pointed out that the units could also reduce electricity and gas costs and limit carbon emissions. "They can be done more quickly and less expensively than building a whole ADU. It's exciting," she said. "I love these."

NOAH applauds the City of Hailey for providing your residents with alternative housing options, specifically Tiny Homes on Wheels. And we appreciate your recognizing that the NOAH+ Standard is of great value to these residents, in not only providing life and fire safety standards, but also building safety standards.

In Ms. Osborn's last line of her reply, she said "Thank you so much for your work. This wouldn't be possible without NOAH's standards and inspection services." Colorado:

Colorado Tiny House Statute: A Breakthrough for Affordable Housing HB22-1242

The tiny house movement has been gaining momentum across the United States, as more people are seeking affordable, sustainable, and minimalist living spaces. However, the regulatory landscape has been a significant barrier to the widespread adoption of tiny houses as permanent residences. That is, until Colorado passed its Tiny House Statute in July 2022, which has opened the door for legal and safe tiny house living in the state.

The Colorado Tiny House Statute requires a modification of the state modular Laws to allow Tiny Homes on Wheels as a dwelling. By July 2023 Standards, fees, regulation requirements of these homes will go into effect. State Statute defines a tiny house as a dwelling unit that is 400 square feet or less in floor area, excluding lofts, and is designed to be self-sufficient or connect to utilities. The statute allows for the construction, sale, and habitation of tiny houses, subject to certain requirements and restrictions.

One of the most significant aspects of the Colorado Tiny House Statute is a 15-member Technical Advisory Committee which was mandated to consider these 5 things:

1. Affordability
2. The smaller manufacturer of 20 or less homes per year
3. The owner builder
4. Movability
5. And custom-built tiny homes

After meeting several times per month, the TAC has submitted the proposed changes to the Administrative Rules which will go into effect July 1, 2023.

Under the Colorado Tiny House Statute, the tiny home must comply with the TAC modifications to the Administrative Rules which they accomplished by using the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) the 2018 appendix Q and National Electric Code (NEC) with changes. These modifications can be found in the proposed changes to the Colorado Administrative Rules. This ensures that the tiny house meets minimum safety and health standards, such as proper insulation, ventilation, and fire protection.

Colorado will leave the door open for a Standard specific to Tiny Homes on Wheels. There is an ASTM sub committee approved in September 2022 that will write these standards and just this month ICC announced they will be writing a standard for tiny houses.

If you would like to comment on the rule making hearing, written testimony is due by Monday, 4/24/2023 at 8:00 AM. Submit written testimony to Sam Albrecht at sam.albrecht@state.co.us with subject heading "Written testimony for Rule Making Hearing on 5/9/2023". Stakeholders may present verbal testimony at the rulemaking hearing which is scheduled for 5/9/2023 at 3:00 PM. The Rulemaking hearing will be in person at 1313 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203 in Room 318. A sign-in sheet will be available in Room 318 for interested parties.

Colorado will be addressing zoning and land use regulations, which have been a significant obstacle for tiny house enthusiasts. The statute allows for tiny houses to be placed on residentially zoned land, subject to local zoning regulations. Additionally, tiny house communities, also known as pocket neighborhoods, can be developed in certain areas, such as mobile home parks or mixed-use developments.

The Colorado Tiny House Statute has been a game-changer for the tiny house movement in the state, as it provides a legal and safe pathway for people to live in affordable and sustainable homes. The statute has been praised by advocates for affordable housing and environmental sustainability, who see tiny houses as a viable solution to the affordable housing crisis and a way to reduce carbon footprints. However, there are still some challenges to the widespread adoption of tiny houses, such as financing, insurance, and finding suitable land. Nonetheless, the Colorado Tiny House Statute has paved the way for other states to follow in its footsteps and recognize the potential of tiny houses as a solution to housing affordability and sustainability.

Under this program, Colorado will only regulate under this program THOWs used a dwelling. THOWs built as RVs will still be constructed to the RV Standards (NFPA 1192 and ANSI 119.5) and will only be for temporary and seasonal use only. The Colorado Department of Housing will not be involved in the regulation of these units at this time. However, the tiny house is on wheels, must be inspected and certified by a third party like the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) or NOAH Certified Inc. (NOAH) to meet certain safety standards.

In Conclusion

Tiny houses on wheels offer a unique and affordable housing option. But before you buy one, it's important to research local ordinances and consider the size and layout of your tiny home.

Blaine County Ordinance, The City of Hailey Ordinance and the Colorado Tiny House Statute are a significant breakthrough for the tiny house movement, as it provides a legal framework for the construction, sale, and habitation of tiny houses in the state. By addressing regulatory barriers and promoting affordable and sustainable housing, the statute and ordinances have the potential to transform the housing landscape in Idaho, Colorado and beyond.



Robin Butler 4/20/2023

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Tiny Home Design Elements cont'd

choose to go without than to use the cool features you choose to include in your build.

We find that a good rule of thumb is to not Rubix-cube anything you plan to do daily. If you have to move the footstool for your bi-weekly yoga practice, however, you will probably survive.

A Kitchen that Flows

We know people with traditional kitchens who constantly complain about their kitchen's functionality. We also know tiny housers who love to cook and have zero issues. This is because it's kitchen flow- not size-that matters!

And in case you were wondering, here's how to make your kitchen flow.

In the Western world, we read left to right, so it intuitively makes sense to our brains to start a process on the left and move in sequence to the right.

For this reason, we find that tiny housers benefit from kitchens laid out from left to right in the following order: counter space, stove, counter space, sink, counter space.

This setup allows you to prep, cook, plate, wash dishes, and dry in sequence. It makes for a smooth process because there is no backtracking, turning around, or carrying things from one place to another.

If you are cooking with a partner, this setup also ensures that no one will run into each other as two people turn back and forth between two counter surfaces.

A Drop Station

If you plan to move into a tiny home, please do yourself a favor and think through the items you'll have with you when you walk in the door. Are you holding a set of keys? A water bottle? Sunglasses? How about a purse or a man-satchel? Maybe you have a dog with you, groceries, muddy boots, or a stack of mail. Everybody has something, and these small items will turn your Pinterest dream house into a tiny horror show if you don't plan for a drop station!

A drop station could look any number of ways! Some people have hooks on the wall or vertical bins near the door for easy unloading. We've seen tiny housers designate a closet, and others utilize the storage in their stairs for keeping oft-used items. And if you are a paintball enthusiast, surfer, or someone who owns a dog that likes to roll in things, you might consider taking your drop station one step further and building a tiny mudroom- it's a thing!

Couch Placement

You've seen stunning pictures of tiny homes, right? Cool. The next time you see one, ask yourself where the couch is located in relation to that picture. Here's why. If there is a stunning view in a photo, you'll want to enjoy that view in real life, and chances are, you'll want to do so from your couch. So it pays to think about where you will put the couch when you plan your tiny home build!

Couch placement also matters in relation to eyeline. For example, if your couch is positioned so you can look down the length of your tiny baby, it will make your house feel bigger than if your couch faces the short wall. Just something to think about!

A Pull-out Pantry

Ah, the pull-out pantry! These are the unsung heroes of tiny home living! Cabinets are great, but you will definitely find yourself digging to find things. And remember what we said about Rubix-cubing?

Pull-out pantries provide easy access to items you use daily. They keep food organized and slide away cleanly when not in use. We've seen tiny homes with pull-out pantries as thin as five inches wide! We've also seen a variety of types. Some people will order plastic ones with stackable bins on Amazon, others will build their own out of bathroom carts, and some have their builder professionally install a more permanent version. However you create one, though, a pull-out pantry will save you a lot of chaos in the kitchen!



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