

PLANNING DIVISION

TIER 2 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

PROJECT NUMBER: LUA16-000753, TP

PROJECT NAME: Renton Sobering Center Pilot Program

PROJECT MANAGER: Angelea Weihs, Assistant Planner

APPLICANT: Steve Knipp, St. Vincent de Paul
5950 4th Ave S
Seattle, WA 98108

OWNER: Society of St. Vincent de Paul
575 Rainier Ave N
Renton, WA 98057

LOCATION: 575 RAINIER AVE N

DATE OF DECISION: November 14, 2016

DATE OF EXPIRATION: November 14, 2017

DESCRIPTION: The applicant is requesting a Temporary Use Permit in order to utilize approximately 800 square feet of the existing 14,049 square foot St. Vincent de Paul store, located at 575 Rainier Ave N, as a Sobering Center Pilot Program for a period of 9 months. The project site totals 39,822 square feet in area and is located within the Commercial Arterial (CA) zone. This pilot proposal is a collaboration of several key partners, including the Renton and Kent Fire and Police departments, the Cities of Kent and Renton's Human Services, St. Vincent de Paul, King County's Department of Community and Human Services Tri-Med Ambulance, Valley Cities, REACH of Renton, Catholic Community and Housing Services of Western Washington, Renton Housing Authority, EMS Division of Public Health – Seattle & King County, and Valley Medical Center. Communities in King County are struggling with how to appropriately manage 9-1-1 responses to individuals with chronic alcohol intoxication and/or co-existing chemical dependency. Currently, the only option for first responders is to leave the patient at the scene or to transport to a nearby emergency department. In the communities of Renton and Kent, a project proposal seeks to implement a 9-month pilot Sobering Center to see if an integrated collaborative approach to patient care can have an effect on patient outcomes. The Sobering Center pilot project has three primary goals: 1) allow individuals with acute alcohol intoxication and/or co-existing chemical dependency a safe and secure place to sleep, 2) connect these patients to local community-based outreach programs, and 3) reduce the operational and financial impacts on first responders and emergency departments. The sobering center would have available space for 8 adult individuals with chronic substance abuse disorders. Responders to emergency medical calls for

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acute intoxication will use established protocols to assess if further medical care is required. If no further care is needed, and the Sobering Center is open, responders will contact the pilot Sobering Center to provide a short report and call for ambulance transport to the Center. The Sobering Center will be staffed by two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) experienced in working with this population during a 12-hour period (8PM-8AM), 7 days a week for 9 months starting December 1, 2016. In the morning, a cabulance will transport the Renton individuals to REACH for breakfast and outreach, and the Kent population to Valley Cities for outreach .

Due to this being an overnight program, City of Renton Police Department recommends that a separate exit/entry door is used for participants and employees of this program, rather than using store access, in order to ensure security and reduce susceptibility to crime. The applicant's submitted floor plans indicate that the sobering center will have separate access . No exterior improvements are proposed to the existing structure . City staff recommend as a condition of approval that a code of conduct be enforced by the Sobering Center in order to promote safety and security for both the Sobering Center staff and clients. This code of conduct shall prohibit disruptive and aggressive behavior, loitering, and the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products on premisses. City Staff also recommend and a condition of approval that approved smoke detection shall be added to the entire area of the new use, prior to occupancy.

The Temporary Use Permit is hereby Approved with Conditions * and subject to the following conditions.

***CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:**

1. An interior code of conduct sign shall be installed and enforced by the Sobering Center . The code of conduct sign shall be submitted and approved by the Current Planning Project Manager, Angelea Weihs, prior to operations. The code of conduct shall contain the following requirements at a minimum
 - i. When checked in, use of and possession of alcohol, drugs or prescription medication is prohibited .
 - ii. Smoking and chewing tobacco not allowed
 - iii. You are responsible for your behavior while in the center . Physical violence, threats of violence, or other criminal activity is not allowed.
 - iv. Do not disturb other clients who are trying to sleep.
 - v. No loitering in the surrounding neighborhood.
2. Approved smoke detection shall be added to the entire area of the new use, prior to occupancy.

SIGNATURE:



Jennifer Henning, Planning Director



Date

RECONSIDERATION: Within 14 days of the decision date, any party may request that the decision be reopened by the approval body. The approval body may modify his decision if material evidence not readily discoverable prior to the original decision is found or if he finds there was misrepresentation or fact. After review of the Reconsideration request, if the approval body finds sufficient evidence to amend the original decision, there will be no further extension of the appeal period. Any person wishing to take further action must file a formal appeal within the 14-day appeal time frame.

APPEALS: Appeals of the permit issuance must be filed in writing on or before 5:00 p.m. on November 28, 2016. Appeals must be filed in writing together with the required fee with Hearing Examiner c/o City Clerk, City of Renton, 1055 S Grady Way, Renton, WA, 98057. Appeals to the Examiner are governed by City of Renton Municipal Code Section 4-8-110. Additional information regarding the appeal process may be obtained from the Renton City Clerk's Office, 425-430-6510.

EXPIRATION: A Temporary Use Permit is valid for up to one year from the effective date of the permit, unless the Community & Economic Development Administrator or designee establishes a shorter time frame or an applicant can request that a permit be valid beyond the one year expiration, for up to five years at the time of application or prior to permit expiration .

EXTENSIONS: Extension requests do not require additional fees and shall be requested in writing prior to permit expiration to the Department of Community & Economic Development Administrator .

EXHIBIT 1

Temporary Use Permit
City of Renton Planning Division
1055 South Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Application

Project Narrative

St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County is proposing leasing to the City a space within our Rainier store for 8 adult individuals with chronic substance abuse disorders at our building at 575 Rainier Ave N, Renton, WA 98057. We are seeking a temporary Use Permit from the City of Renton for a Sobering Center for a period of 9 months.

The program per requirement of the City hereby certifies that there are no special features (wetlands, water bodies, etc.) and there will be no on-site physical improvements except the construction of an inside wall to separate the Center from the retail store. There will be no offsite improvements, no construction, no trees either planted or removed at the site. The program further certifies that there will be no construction of any type or excavation of any type.

Estimated 136 sq ft space for 8 individuals
The property is accessible via Rainier Ave N.

Open 8 am - 8 pm

Submitted by:

Ned Delmore

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Executive Director
St. Vincent de Paul

SOBERING CENTER PILOT PROGRAM SUMMARY

COMMUNITIES OF KENT AND RENTON

Introduction:

Communities in King County are struggling with how to appropriately manage 9-1-1 responses to individuals with chronic alcohol intoxication and/or co-existing chemical dependency. Currently, the only option for first responders is to leave the patient at the scene or to transport to a nearby emergency department. In the communities of Renton and Kent, a project proposal seeks to implement a 9-month pilot Sobering Center to see if an integrated collaborative approach to patient care can have an effect on patient outcomes. In addition, we hope to learn more about the needs of the population, and what impact an alternative option might have on limited local health care resources. This pilot proposal is a collaboration of several key partners, including the Renton and Kent Fire and Police departments, the Cities of Kent and Renton's human services, St. Vincent de Paul, King County's Department of Community and Human Services, Tri-Med Ambulance, Valley Cities, REACH of Renton, Catholic Community and Housing Services of Western Washington, Renton Housing Authority, EMS Division of Public Health – Seattle & King County, and Valley Medical Center.

Purpose:

The Sobering Center pilot project has three primary goals:

- 1) Allow individuals with acute alcohol intoxication and/or co-existing chemical dependency a safe and secure place to sleep.
- 2) Connect these patients to local community-based outreach programs.
- 3) Reduce the operational and financial impacts on first responders and emergency departments.

Pilot Proposal:

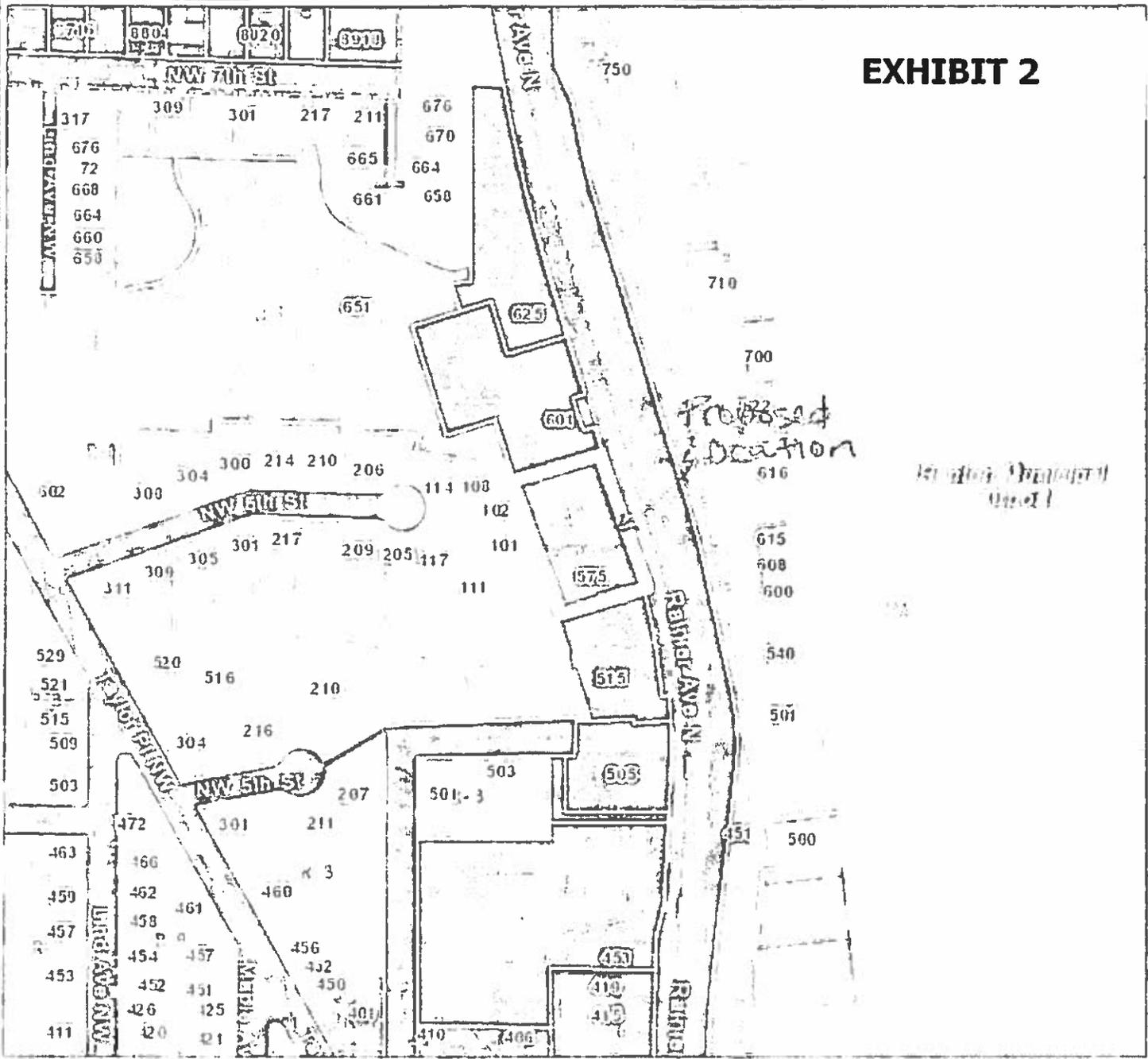
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Conclusion:

This proposal is based upon the premise that some individuals with chronic alcohol intoxication and/or co-existing chemical dependency do not need to be transported to the emergency department. Fire and police departments desire a more appropriate option to ensure these patients remain safe and have opportunities to engage with social services where needed. This pilot project will enable us to better understand the specific needs of the population and build an integrated and collaborative approach to addressing those needs.

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EXHIBIT 2



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None

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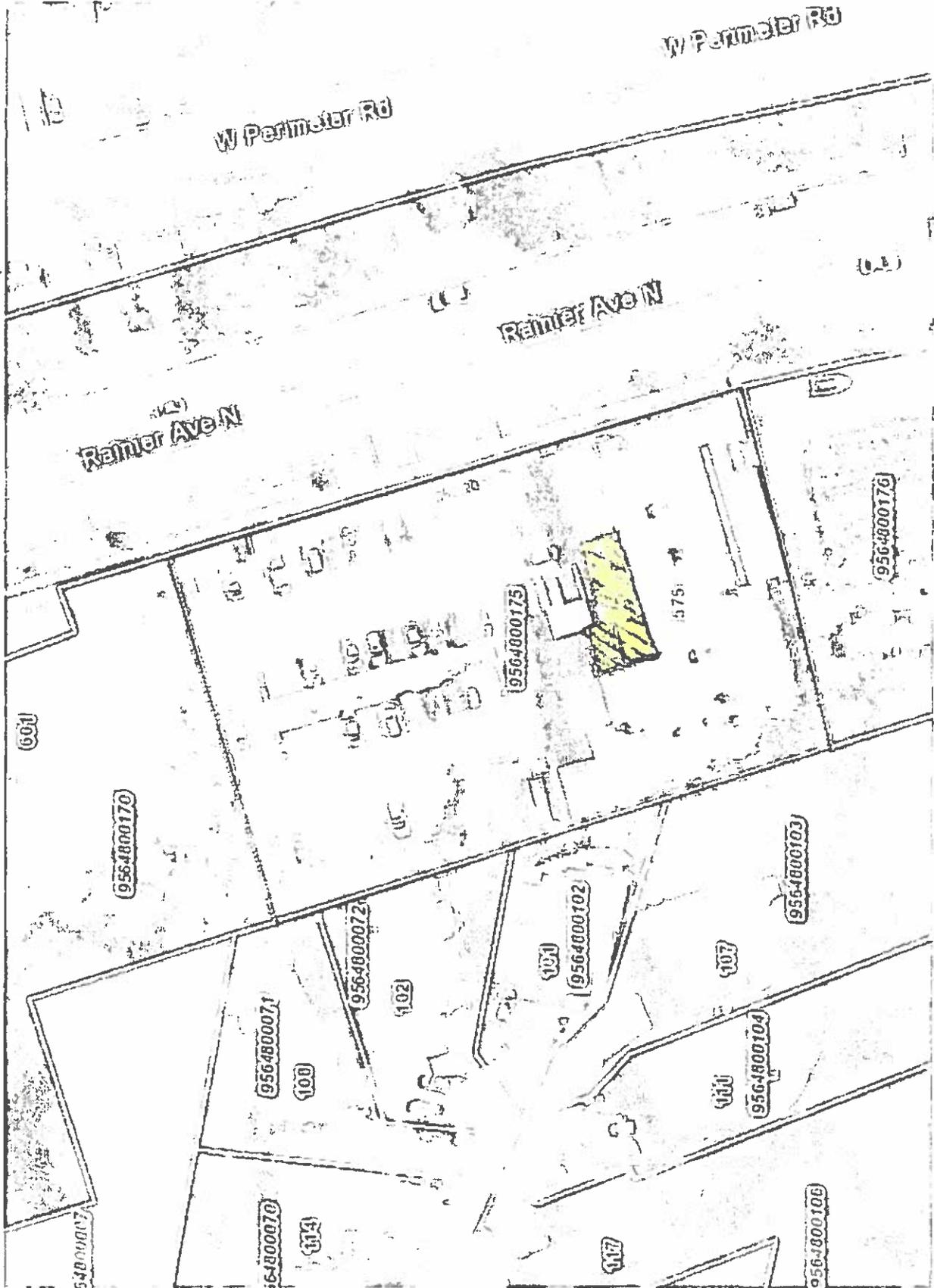
Legend

City and County Boundary	RMF-Residential Multi-Family
Other	RMH-Residential Manufactured Homes
City of Renton	CA-Commercial Neighborhood
Addresses	CV-Center Village
Parcels	CA-Commercial Arterial
Zoning	UC-Urban Center
RC-Resource Conservation	CD-Center Downtown
TR-Residential Trac	COR-Commercial Office/Residential
TD-Residential Trac	CO-Commercial Office
RS-Residential Single-Family	LC-Local Light

EXHIBIT 3



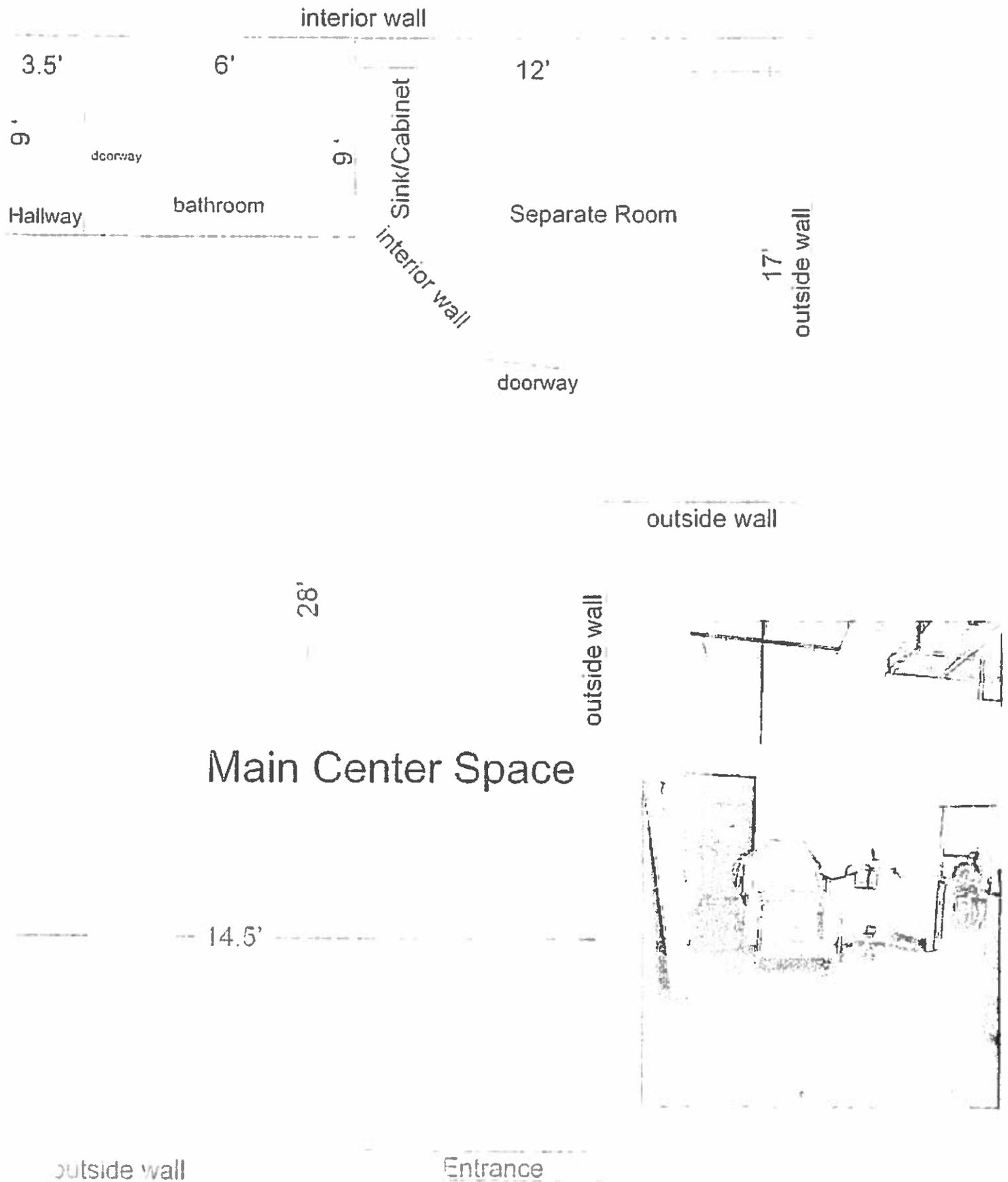
Renton Sobering Center
575 Rainier Ave N



Sobering center proposal
is interior only.

Proposed Sobering Center Floorplan Space

575 Rainier Ave N



Not to scale
Measurements are approximate