

## City Clerk Staff

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**From:** Tyler Walls  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3:26 PM  
**To:** Grp. City Council and City Web Site  
**Cc:** Montana James (she/her); Annie Gorski; Tracy Pohndorf; Rhea Sanders  
**Subject:** Response to Council - Sleepy Inn COVID Use

Good Afternoon,

Below are some talking points which should answer Council Member Sherrill's question today about the number of people that stayed at the Sleepy Inn.

**Q: Why did the City purchase the Sleepy Inn?**

A: As the Covid-19 pandemic unfolded, the Missoula City-County Health Department and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) became aware of the need for non-congregate shelter, where people in quarantine or isolation could stay without danger of infecting others. The Sleepy Inn owner was interested in selling the motel, and the City recognized the redevelopment value in a growing part of the city.

In addition, at the start of the pandemic, between March 20, 2020, and April 29, 2020, OEM housed 35 individuals in need of non-congregate shelter in motel rooms. This was an expensive and unreliable solution. Many hotels were reluctant to rent rooms to Covid-positive people. Acquiring rooms in an emergent situation proved challenging.

**Q: Who stayed at the Sleepy Inn during Covid?**

A: Between April 27, 2020, and March 17, 2022, 395 people stayed at the Sleepy Inn. Their average length of stay was seven days. Some of the people served were homeless. Some were traveling workers stuck in Missoula by a diagnosis or exposure. Some were people wanting to avoid infecting their families. Some were people discharged from hospitals who were Covid-positive.

Please feel free to reach me for any reason. Your guidance and oversight is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Kwa kwah (thank you)*

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**From:** Kristen Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 7:35 AM  
**To:** All Council; Grp. City Council and City Web Site  
**Subject:** Virtual for the morning

Good morning, Colleagues,

I will be virtual until after lunch as I have some repair work being done.

See you later!

Kristen