

Community Preference Guidelines

For homes located within the City of Seattle Homestead's buyer selection criteria considers applicants that meet the City of Seattle's Community Preference guidelines. Community Preference recognizes that people with historic ties to particular neighborhoods may have been displaced by economic forces including gentrification, or that they may be at imminent risk of gentrification.

What Neighborhoods Qualify?

The City of Seattle has identified particular neighborhoods, or "census tract's", in the city where displacement has taken place or is at risk of taking place. The qualifying census tracts mapped here and listed on the 2nd page:

https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/Housing/ProgramsInitiatives/CommunityPreference/Geographic_Boundaries_Map_and_Census_Tract_List.pdf

Who Qualifies for Community Preference Criteria?

Applicants who currently live, have previously lived or whose family has historic ties to the census tracts listed may receive community preference consideration in our buyer selection process.

Determining Your Census Tract:

Current Residents of Neighborhood: To determine if you are a current resident of one of the designated preference census tracts, you can look up your address using this online tool: [Census Tract Look Up](#)

Past resident displaced from the neighborhood: To determine if you are a past resident of one of the designated preference census tracts, you can look up your previous address using this online tool: [Census Tract Look Up](#)

Historic Ties: If you are establishing a historical tie to the neighborhood from a relative or an ancestor, use the address on their household documentation from the time of residency in the same look-up system: [Census Tract Look Up](#).

Community Preference Application

Full name of primary applicant:

Primary applicant email:

Choose 1 of the 4 options below

The options are listed in decreasing order of the amount of preference given, below. Additional preference is not given for meeting multiple options, so if multiple options apply to you only need to fill out and provide documentation for the option listed first. For example, if option 2 and 4 both are applicable to you, you only need to fill out the application for option 2.

There is no additional preference given for multiple people in your household meeting the qualifications for an option, list the household member who is most applicable.

1. I am applying for community preference consideration because I or someone in my household has historic ties to the qualifying census tracks through a relative or ancestor who lived in the census tract **in or before 1968**.

Full name of the person in your household who has historic ties pre-1969:

Address of relative or ancestor:

Current census track of listed address:

Relationship to the person that lives/lived at listed address:

If Other, please explain:

Full name of the relative or ancestor that lived at listed address:

Required Documentation: Please upload one of the documents from the list provided here: [Community Preference Documentation](#).

2. I am applying for community preference consideration because I or someone in my household has historic ties to the qualifying census tracks through a relative or ancestor, after 1968.

Full name of the person in your household who has historic ties:

Address of relative or ancestor:

Current census track of listed address:

Relationship to the person that lives/lived at listed address:

If Other, please explain:

Full name of the relative or ancestor that lived at listed address:

Required Documentation: Please upload one of the documents from the list provided here: [Community Preference Documentation](#).

3. I am applying for community preference consideration because I or someone in my household has previously lived in one of the qualifying census tracks

Full name of the person in your household who previously lived in a qualifying census tract:

Previous Address:

Previous address census track number:

Date occupied: to:

Required Documentation: Please upload one of the documents from the list provided here: [Community Preference Documentation](#).

4. I am applying for community preference consideration because I or someone in my household currently lives in one of the qualifying census tracks.

Full name of the person in your household currently lives in one of the census tracts:

Current Address:

Current address census track number:

Required Documentation: Several of documents listed are already required in other sections of Homestead's application, such as bank documents, paystubs and identification cards. If those documents show the address you listed above, you do not need to upload any additional documents in this section, just this form.

If you have not uploaded any documents that show proof of residency at the address listed above in other sections of the application please upload a document from the [Community Preference Documentation](#) list along with this form.