

Sustainable Paths ECHO Certification Form

Congratulations! You are taking the bold step of becoming a cooperative home (co-op) under the City of Boulder's Cooperative Housing Ordinance. To receive a co-op license, the City requires co-ops to be certified by an "Expert Cooperative Housing Organization" (ECHO) such as Sustainable Paths (sustainablepaths.org).

About Sustainable Paths

We have been helping intentional communities come into being since 1991 when we founded the Rocky Mountain Cohousing Association, which then expanded to the Cohousing Association of the U.S. (cohousing.org) in 1997. Our areas of expertise and workshops we teach include: Running Effective Meetings, Consensus Decision Making, How to Get Along – both inside the home and with neighbors, Mediation & Conflict Resolution, Making Finances Work, Finding the Right Home, Creating Lasting Agreements, and Finding Your Co-Op "Family." More about our work with intentional communities at: <http://abrahampaiss.com/sustainable-development/>

To get started working with us, please fill out the form below, scan and email back to us at Neshama@AbrahamPaiss.com. If you questions, please contact us at **720-925-5161**.

1. Name of Co-Op (what shall we call you?)

2. Proposed/Existing Co-Op Address

Note: According to the city's co-op ordinance, co-ops must be separated from each other by at least 500 feet.

3. How many members in your group? _____

4. How many members are you seeking? _____

Note: The Boulder Co-op Ordinance allows a maximum of 12 people in the low-density zones, and up to 15 members in medium and high density zones. House members need at least 200 square feet of living space per person in legal safe bedrooms.

5. Do you currently live together?

Yes ___/No ___

If yes, how long have you been housemates? ___/___/___ day/month/year

6. Please describe the shared activities you currently do, e.g., meals, celebrations, meetings, work projects, etc.

7. If you are not living together, expected move in date?

____/____/____ day/month/year

Note: the co-op licensing process will take about two months.

8. What type of co-op are you wanting to create?

Note: The city's co-op ordinance enables three types of co-ops: Rental, Non-Profit Permanently Affordable, and Equity. The residents in a rental co-op are not owners. In an equity co-op, most of the members are owners of the co-op property. For the non-profit permanently affordable co-op, the home is owned by a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that will work with the City of Boulder's Permanently Affordable Housing Division where resident incomes will cap at 60% of the area median income.

____ Rental

____ Equity

____ Non-Profit Permanently Affordable

9. Main Co-Op representative and contact information

Name _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Land line _____

Best way to contact you: phone, text, or email?

10. Second co-op representative and contact info

Name _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____

Land line _____

Best way to contact you: phone, text, or email (please circle)

11. Do you need help with (please check all that apply):

_____ ECHO Certification and Trainings

_____ Locating a House

_____ Finding Members

Other _____

Thank you for filling out this form! Please email completed answers to Neshama@abrahampaiss.com.

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