



## *How to Get Involved & Steps to Reserve Your Home*

**You are invited to explore Heartwood Commons in Tulsa and become a part of this exciting new community way of living – where neighbors become friends.**

### **Step 1 - Learn About Us and Cohousing**

- Visit our website [www.heartwoodcommonstulsa.com](http://www.heartwoodcommonstulsa.com) to find out more.
- Subscribe to our e-newsletter on our website for timely updates and invites to events.
- Like us on Facebook at [Heartwood Commons - Tulsa](https://www.facebook.com/HeartwoodCommons-Tulsa).
- Learn more about cohousing at the Cohousing Association website at [www.cohousing.org](http://www.cohousing.org).
- Attend an upcoming on-line presentation or land tour. See our website for details.

### **Step 2 - Become an Explorer**

- This is a wonderful opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Heartwood Commons and decide first-hand if it's a good fit for you.
- Simply pay the \$250 Explorer Fee and use the next three months to learn about the community. Get to know us, ask questions, visit with members, and attend our meetings, socials, and events.
- When you become an Explorer, we will schedule an Orientation Meeting with you where you can learn about the details of our development.
- We'll pair you with a "buddy" to help you navigate the process, answer your questions, and connect you with the community and you'll receive a copy of *The Senior Cohousing Handbook: A Community Approach to Independent Living* by Charles Durrett.
- Join us for our General Meetings, social gatherings and other events.
- To become an Explorer, complete an Explorer Agreement (available on our website) and pay the non-refundable Explorer Fee of \$250. See the Agreement form for directions.

### **Step 3 - Become a Member and Secure Your Home**

Before applying to become a Member of Heartwood Commons (Green Country Cohousing, LLC), you will need to be an Explorer for a minimum of 1 month (maximum of 3 months), attend an Explorer Orientation, and attend at least one General Meeting. We also encourage you to have taken the time to get to know members, ask questions and attend a social gathering.

***Let us know when you are ready to become a Member of Heartwood Commons and we will walk you through the steps to become a Member and reserve your home.***

**We look forward to welcoming you to Heartwood Commons!**

**Please contact us for answers to your questions and to discuss your options.**

**Suzy Sharp, Membership/Marketing, at 918-519-5298 or**

**Claudia Vandiver, Legal/Financial, at 918-728-4852**

**or email [heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com](mailto:heartwoodcommonstulsa@gmail.com).**

**GREEN COUNTRY COHOUSING, LLC**  
**d/b/a Heartwood Commons**  
**Rights and Responsibilities of an Explorer**  
(Effective 10/8/19)

**Rights:**

1. To participate in group discussions during the development process of the community, without the right to vote or block consensus.
2. To participate in our mailing list, email exchange and archives.
3. To have the opportunity to build community and form relationships with future neighbors.
4. To be assigned a “buddy” to facilitate a smooth transition into the existing group and provide relevant background information.
5. As an Explorer you have up to three months to decide if you want to become a Member. If you decide our community is not the right place for you, or if it’s not the right time, we understand. Should you decide to become a Member at a later date, we’ll credit your Explorer Fee to your Membership Fee.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Pay \$250 Explorer fee to the Green Country Cohousing LLC. The Explorer fee is not refundable and does not apply to your down payment on your home. When you become a Member, your Explorer Fee will be applied to your \$500 Membership Fee.
2. Attend an Orientation Meeting where you will learn about the details of our development, investment structure, reserving your home, member benefits, financial and participation commitment, decision making process, and more.
3. Attend at least one general meeting. You are encouraged to attend general meetings regularly and participate in social and marketing events so you get to know us and how we work together.
4. Visit meetings of or participate in our teams/committee(s), as another great way to get to know us.
5. Attend any workshops held by the community.
6. Become familiar with past decisions, the GCC Group Communication Agreement and consensus decision making so as not to hamper the group’s process out of lack of awareness of previous decisions and discussions and processes.
7. Become familiar with the concept of cohousing by reading *The Senior Cohousing Handbook* (which Explorers receive a copy of) and other books and articles about cohousing.
8. Stay in communication with your buddy and ask questions when needed.

**GREEN COUNTRY COHOUSING, LLC**  
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**Explorer Agreement**  
(Effective 10-8-19)

1. I wish to become an Explorer of Heartwood Commons. I have read and understand the Rights and Responsibilities of an Explorer and have paid the \$250 Explorer Fee which can be applied to my Membership Fee, if I become a Member.
2. I understand that my Explorer period is a minimum of one month and a maximum of three months. If I do not become a Member within that time period, I will become inactive and will lose my Explorer privileges described below.
3. I understand that I must attend an Orientation Meeting and at least one general meeting before I can become a Member.
4. I understand I can participate in group discussions, without the right vote or to block consensus decisions.
5. I understand I am encouraged to visit meetings of or participate on teams/committees and attend workshops, socials and other events held by the community.
6. I agree to become familiar with past decisions, the Group Communication Agreement and other Agreements, and consensus decision making so as not to hamper the group's process out of lack of awareness of previous decisions and discussions and processes.
7. I agree to become familiar with the concept of cohousing by reading *The Senior Cohousing Handbook* provided me and other books and articles about cohousing.
8. I agree to stay in communication with my buddy and ask questions when needed.

	Person 1:	Person 2:
<b>Name:</b>		
<b>Signature:</b>		
<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		
<b>City, State, Zip</b>		
<b>Home Phone:</b>		
<b>Cell Phone:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>		

Please send your completed Explorer Agreement and check for \$250 made payable to Green Country Cohousing LLC to: Claudia Vandiver, Treasurer, 1802 E 72<sup>nd</sup> St, Apt 1506, Tulsa, OK 74136.  
*Please do not write below the line. Administrative use only.*

Agreement Received By/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Explorer Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Explorer Term Ends: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_