



Community Development Dept.

Important Notice Regarding the 2021 Construction Codes

If you are a Developer, Architect, Engineer, Designer or Contractor that performs work within the State of Washington, please be advised that a new series of 2021 Building Codes are scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2023. Most of these codes will look familiar and are very similar to the currently adopted 2018 codes available at this link: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/washington> The State of Washington also revises these adopted codes via state amendments, these amendments can be viewed at: <https://sbcc.wa.gov/state-codes-regulations-guidelines> as they become available.

All plan review applications submitted **& deemed complete before** the end of the business day on June 30, 2023, will be reviewed under the current Codes (2018 Codes). However, those plan review applications will expire 180 days after the submittal date if a permit has not been issued or become active at which time a new application will be required, and the project must be in compliance with the new 2021 Codes.

Any **Stock Plans** which are **submitted** for review and have not been previously approved under the 2018 code/s after June 30, 2023, will require that the approved plans be updated to comply with the Mason County Stock Plan Policy. This means that when you apply for a stock plan permit for a plan review application after June 30, 2023, your project must follow the 2021 codes unless previously approved by the County. In all cases stock plans will be required to be updated no later than one year from the date of June 30, 2023, regardless of submittal status.

Developers, Architects, Engineers, Designers, Contractors, and others will need to become familiar with the new codes and are advised to participate in training before the new codes take effect. Information will be available on our county website and training classes are available through the following organizations: Washington Building Officials at: www.WABO.org, Building Industry Association of Washington (WBIA) at: www.biaaw.com and the International Code Council at: www.ICCSAFE.org.

If you have questions regarding the new codes or require further information please contact the Mason County, Community Development Dept. at: (360) 427-9670 Ext 352 and speak with one of our community development staff members.