

Title 14 and Title 15 Code Updates

Adoption of Washington State Building Codes by Reference

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Background & Purpose

- Clark County Code Titles 14 & 15 reference the 2015 International Code Council model codes (I-Codes).
- The Washington State Building Code Council has adopted the 2021 model codes, effective as of March 14, 2024.
- An adoption of *current* code cycle, rather than adopting a specific code cycle (2015, 2018, 2021 etc.).
- Revision of Title 14 to reflect only the sections that Clark County has adopted as more restrictive than the current Washington State Building Codes to reduce complexity.
- Update Titles 14 & 15 to align with referenced materials (i.e., ICC) to improve readability and clarity.



TITLE 14 BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Chapters:

- 14.01 Adoption of Building Safety Codes
- 14.04 Building Code (REPEALED)
- 14.05 Clark County Revisions to International Building Code
- 14.06 Clark County Residential Code
- 14.07 Grading, Excavation, Fill, and Stockpile
- 14.08 Plumbing Code
- 14.12 Mechanical Code
- 14.14 Dangerous Building Code (REPEALED)
- 14.14A Dangerous Building Code
- 14.16 House and Street Numbering
- 14.20 Swimming Pools
- 14.24 Thermal Insulation Standards (REPEALED)
- 14.28 Washington State Energy Code (REPEALED)
- 14.28A Clark County Energy Code (REPEALED)
- 14.32 Mobile Home Permits (REPEALED)
- 14.32A Manufactured Home Placement and Standards
- 14.50 Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER) Program



TITLE 15 FIRE PREVENTION

Chapters:

15.12 Clark County Fire Code

15.13 Wildland Urban Interface/Intermix Ordinance

15.14 Fire Inspection and Fees (REPEALED)

15.14A Fees (REPEALED)

15.16 Minimum Fire Flow—Exceptions



Title 14 Building & Structures

Code Change Items (Title 14 Building & Structures)			
No.		Title/Chapter/Section	Description
1		14 - Buildings & Structures	Where applicable, update numbers amending, repealing, or adding provisions of the International Code to align with referenced materials.
2		14.01.010 14.05.020 14.06.020 14.08.020 14.12.020	Strike adopted code year (i.e., 2015) and reference currently adopted code.
3		14.01.010 – Adoption by Reference	- Add additional titles to be adopted (ASCE & ICC/ANSI A117.1); - Provide links to the Washington State Building Code Council & International Code Council
4		14.05.105.2 – Work Exempt From Permit	Remove building exemption regarding minor construction and alteration projects less than \$1500 (not including trades



Title 14 (Building & Structures)

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No.		Title/Chapter/Section	Description
5		14.05.108 - Fees	Remove language regarding fees related to automatic fire-extinguishing systems; duplicated language.
6		14.05.1609.3 - Basic Wind Speed	Update basic wind speed requirements to 135mph (prescriptive) or allow for engineered design.
7		14.05.1608.2 - Snow Loads	Update roof snow load to 30 pounds per square foot of roof surface.
8		14.06.105.2 - Work Exempt From Permit	- Add residential fences not over 7 feet high to work exempt from permit; - Remove building exemption regarding residential minor construction and alterations projects less than \$1500.
9		14.06.321.1 - Site Address	Add clarifying language per the International Residential Building Code (IRC) regarding residential site addresses.
10		14.06.301.2.1.3 - Wind Speed Conversion	Update residential basic wind speed to 135mph (prescriptive) or allow for engineered design



Title 15 Fire Prevention

Code Change Items (Title 15 Fire Prevention)			
No.		Title/Chapter/Section	Description
1		15 - Fire Prevention	Where applicable, update numbers amending, repealing, or adding provisions to align with referenced materials.
2		15.12.020 – Adoption by Reference	Strike adopted code year (i.e. 2015) of the International Fire Code and reference “current” adopted code.



Thank you!

Comments and questions

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