

Critical Areas Ordinance Reference Table

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This table includes a link to each critical areas ordinance since November, 2003, when the old critical areas ordinances were repealed and new ones were adopted. Many components of the county critical areas ordinances are included in the Shoreline Master Program by reference. The most recent critical areas ordinance referenced in Section 40.460.530 Clark County Code includes changes implemented by that ordinance and incorporates code changes made through previous ordinances for that critical area code section. This document is provided for reference.

Ordinance Number	Adoption Date	Nature of Amendments
Ord. 2003-11-01	11/4/2003	Creation of new Title of Clark County Code, the Title 40 Unified Development Code. Includes repeal of previous critical areas ordinances in Clark County Code Title 13 and creation of Chapters 40.410 Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs), 40.420 Flood Hazard Areas, 40.430 Geologic Hazard Areas, 40.440 Habitat Conservation, and 40.450 Wetland Protection.
Ord. 2004-06-11	6/15/2004	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes text clarification in critical aquifer recharge area code regarding prohibited activities.
Ord. 2005-04-12	4/19/2005	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes code amendment in the wetland chapter regarding digital submission of wetland delineations.
Ord. 2005-04-15	4/26/2005	Critical areas ordinance based on updated best available science references and critical area ordinance review. Includes code amendments throughout the critical aquifer recharge areas, flood hazard areas, geologic hazards, and habitat conservation code chapters.
Ord. 2005-05-20	5/31/2005	Title 40 code amendments. Added text to the habitat conservation code regarding off-site mitigation.
Ord. 2006-05-27	5/30/2006	Wetland protection amendments. Includes code amendments throughout the wetland protection chapter. Amendments are largely in response to a best available science audit of wetland code and updating code to comply with the Critical Areas Assistance Handbook (2003), Volume 1: Freshwater Wetlands in Washington State, a Synthesis of the Science, and Volume 2: Wetlands in Washington State, Guidance for Protecting and Managing Wetlands.
Ord. 2006-06-09	6/20/2006	Critical areas ordinance. Includes text amendments throughout the habitat conservation code.
Ord. 2006-07-09	7/18/2006	Critical areas ordinance. Includes text revisions regarding existing agricultural and animal husbandry activities and the protection of habitat areas.

Ord. 2006-08-03	8/1/2006	Critical areas ordinance. Corrects scrivener errors in Ord. 2006-07-09 and revises habitat conservation code and development code definitions related to existing agricultural and animal husbandry activities.
Ord. 2006-09-13	9/19/2006	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes text amendment to update reference in geologic hazards code.
Ord. 2007-06-05	6/12/2007	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes text amendment to wetlands code regarding unintentionally created wetlands.
Ord. 2007-11-13	11/27/2007	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes correction of a reference to the covenant section of the wetland code.
Ord. 2008-06-02	6/3/2008	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes text revisions regarding conservation covenants in the habitat conservation and wetland code.
Ord. 2008-07-05	7/8/2008	Development service fee amendments. Includes text revision regarding cost in the habitat conservation code.
Ord. 2009-01-01	1/13/2009	Stormwater code amendments. Includes text amendments to the wetland code regarding stormwater.
Ord. 2009-03-02	3/17/2009	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes amendment to remove outdated reference library of critical aquifer recharge area best management practices, clarification regarding critical aquifer recharge area map authority, and flood hazard review applicability and clarification.
Ord. 2009-12-01	1/1/2009	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes text revision regarding habitat and wetland conservation covenant modifications in the habitat conservation and wetland code.
Ord. 2012-02-03	2/14/2012	Retooling our code amendments. Includes new text regarding geologic hazard areas for short plat applications in a rural area that are certified by a registered geologist or professional engineer licensed in the state of Washington. These instances are exempt from the requirements of the chapter even though a mapped geohazard exists on the plat or within one hundred (100) feet of the boundaries of the plat.
Ord. 2012-07-03	7/10/2012	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes amendment to update reference in wetland protection code.
Ord. 2012-07-15	7/24/2012	Critical areas ordinance. Includes text amendments to adopt changes to Clark County's flood hazard ordinance to reflect a 2007 Flood Insurance Study and updated flood insurance rate maps and code language revisions throughout the flood hazard areas code section.
Ord. 2012-07-16	7/24/2012	Shoreline master program ordinance. This ordinance adopted the 2012 Clark County Shoreline Master Program. It also includes text amendments to Chapter 40.430 Geologic Hazard Areas, 40.440 Habitat Conservation, and 40.450 Wetland Protection related to development within shoreline jurisdiction and the applicability and standards required for development in these critical areas.

Ord. 2014-12-05	12/9/2014	Critical areas ordinances. Includes text revision to wetland protection and habitat conservation chapters to update references, text related to mapping, updated language on remodeling, replacement of, or additions to existing homes and associated appurtenances qualifying for an exemption, wetland rating category definitions, buffer width requirements, buffer standards, wetland preservation ratios, and alternate wetland mitigation.
Ord. 2015-11-24	11/24/2015	Stormwater manual code update. Includes updated references to the stormwater and erosion control code in the geologic hazards and wetland code.
Ord. 2018-01-03	1/9/2018	Critical aquifer recharge area and flood hazard ordinance updates. Includes clarifying standards in the critical aquifer recharge area code and incorporates a revised flood insurance study and map into the flood hazard areas code.
Ord. 2018-01-09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1 • Part 2 	1/9/2018	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes text amendment regarding Best management practices for critical aquifer recharge areas and an amendment in the geological hazards code exempt activities and uses regarding residential remodels.
Ord. 2018-10-02	10/9/2018	Manufactured housing code update. Includes amendment to habitat conservation code to revise text regarding replacement of mobile or manufactured home with another dwelling.
Ord. 2019-03-05	4/2/2019	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes updates to wetland buffers, the habitat score and rating form, the type of wetlands where stormwater facilities are allowed, and the wetland preservation ratios.
Ord. 2019-05-07	5/21/2019	Title 40 code amendments. Includes housekeeping text revisions in the flood hazard, geologic hazards, habitat conservation, and wetland code sections to improve consistency with the home rule charter.
Ord. 2020-03-01	3/10/2020	Bi-annual code amendments. Includes text amendments proposed by the Development Engineering and Advisory Board to critical aquifer recharge areas code.