

## **FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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### **Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.100.010; amending Sections 103, 106, 907, 908, 911, 1029, 1606, 1805, 3016 and 3107 of the 2012 Seattle Building Code, to clarify regulations and adopt amendments consistent with Washington State regulations.

**Summary of the Legislation:** This legislation includes amendments that adopt recently-enacted amendments to the State Building Code, coordinate with other construction-related codes, and correct errors. A detailed list of the changes is found in Attachment 1.

**Background:** The Seattle Building Code is one of several construction-related codes that local jurisdictions are required to enforce. New editions of these codes are adopted by the State every 3 years; Seattle adds local amendments to the State codes. Seattle adopted the 2012 codes in 2013.

This legislation is one of 6 related bills that amend the construction-related codes to adopt recent state code provisions and correct errors.

**X**      **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

### **Other Implications:**

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**  
No
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** It's unlikely there would be any cost.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** No
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** No

- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation? No**
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation? No**
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property? No**
- h) **Other Issues: None**

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**

Attachment 1: 2014 Seattle Building Code Amendments, Detailed List

## **Attachment 1**

### **2014 Seattle Building Code Amendments**

#### **Detailed list**

**103.10, 103.11** clarify the procedure for review of DPD decisions about permit applications. Review by the building official is available before the permit is issued, and review by the Construction Codes Advisory Board is available between the time the building official reviews and permit issuance.

**106.2** codifies a distinction between recovering a roof and replacing it. Recovering does not require a building permit. Replacing a roof requires a permit if (1) a single family residence or townhouse roof replacement includes changes to the building envelope other than insulation, or (2) more than 500 square feet of sheathing or insulation is exposed.

**106.13** corrects an error to a section that gives two different time limits on temporary permits for tents and similar temporary structures. The section was originally intended to allow these permits to have an 18-month time limit.

**907.5** revises the section on emergency voice alarm communication systems to align with current practice. For the past several years, these systems have been required to operate on the floor on which fire has been detected, the floor above, and the two floors below the fire floor.

**908** adopts recent State Building Code amendments that revise the requirements for carbon monoxide detection. One amendment changes an exception that states CO detection is not required where there is neither a fuel-burning appliance nor attached garage so that it applies to apartments and condominiums instead of single-family residences. The other exception applies to prisons and work release facilities.

**911** coordinates the Building Code with the Fire Code to require that fire command centers in high-rise buildings are separated from the rest of the building by two-hour fire-rated construction.

**1029** requires emergency escape windows in residential buildings that have only one exit.

**1606** coordinates the Building Code with the Energy Code. The 2012 Energy Code includes a requirement that space be designated on roofs for future installation of photovoltaic equipment. The Building Code amendment specifies structural loads for those roof areas.

**1805.5** coordinates the Building Code with the Stormwater Code. The Building Code exception stating that a dedicated perimeter drain is not required where the soil is well drained is inconsistent with the Stormwater Code.

**3016.12** coordinates the Seattle Building Code with an interpretation of the State Building Code. The State Building Code Council interpreted this section to mean that elevator cars large enough for a horizontal stretcher is only required if elevators are provided in 4 story buildings. The Seattle Code required them in all 4-story buildings.

**3107.4** corrects an error in the section that specifies when permits are required for on-premises signs.