

Kittitas County Community Development Services

Agenda Staff Report

AGENDA DATE:

7/21/2009

ACTION REQUESTED:

Sign Ordinance amending Title 14 KCC (14.04.020)

BACKGROUND:

The State of Washington adopted the 2006 International Codes and other Washington State Building Codes and required local jurisdictions to adopt these codes prior to July 1, 2007.

Kittitas County adopted the 2006 International Codes, as amended by the Washington State Code Council under Title 14, Building and Construction, of the Kittitas County Code.

Section 14.04.020 of the Kittitas County Code regulates building plan submittal requirements. Recently, County staff has become aware that several items in this code section do not comply with State law for licensing requirements for architects and engineers (RCW 18.08, WAC 308-12 or RCW 18.43).

The current code language exempts one-story buildings with a single ridge from engineering above 70 lbs ground snowload and there is no engineering requirement for commercial buildings above 50 psf. State law does not allow Kittitas County to exempt any building from engineering requirements. This section also contains an exemption for one-story log structures with a single ridged roof and no valleys from engineering. This exemption does not comply with State law.

On June 16, 2009, CDS staff requested that the Board of County Commissioner's set a public hearing for July 7, 2009, to consider amending Title 14 KCC as it relates to "professional preparation of plan."

On July 7, 2009, the Board of County Commissioner's conducted an open public hearing. Staff presented proposed changes to Kittitas County Code. A motion was made and seconded to approve the code text changes. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 0 and staff was directed to prepare enabling documents.

INTERACTION:

The Prosecutor's Office has reviewed the attached Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and sign the attached Ordinance.

HANDLING:

Forward copy of signed documents to CDS.

LEAD STAFF:

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