



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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To: Whom It May Concern
Re: CU-23-00001 3 BR Custom Cuts

Fire Apparatus Access Road – *Comply with the current edition of the International Fire Code (IFC) Section 503 and Appendix D, Kittitas County Code (KCC) Road Standards Title 12, and the International Wildland Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) Chapter 4. Any areas designating a fire lane shall be marked as such in accordance with the International Fire Code, typically red painted striping, and permanent signage.*

Required

Comments: There shall also be a Fire Lane installed as labeled with red paint on the pavement and permanent red and white reflective signage. The fire bypass lane shall remain in place but is not able to act as a fire apparatus access lane.

Key Box Required – *Comply with the current edition of the IFC Section 506 and KCC Title 20. Contact Knox Company (knoxbox.com) and choose a product that will facilitate rapid access to a gated or otherwise restricted areas for the purpose of firefighting and life safety operations. These Knox devices shall be installed near the primary entrance to the property/building. Any gates require a permit through the Kittitas County Fire Marshal's Office (KCFMO). This shall be enforced, additionally, to any and all gates installed. Gates shall be installed according to IFC Section 503.5 – 503.6 and KCC Title 20.03.*

Required

Comments: This does not apply if no gates are installed for this project. This section is applied to all structures to be constructed for the project. Each key box shall have the same key for ease of access to the fire district.

Fire Flow – *Fire flow is the amount of water required for fire suppression by the fire department/district. This is not related to hydraulic demands related to automatic fire sprinkler systems. Fire flow is determined by the square footage and type of building construction. Fire flow documentation must be provided to the KCFMO previous to final inspection. Fire flow must comply with IFC Appendix B. In cases where buildings/structures do not exist yet, the reference of NFPA 1142, 22, 20, and 24 may be required. This requirement provides for a reduction of the fire flow if the structures are protected with an approved fire sprinkler systems installed in accordance with the IFC Chapter 9.*

Required

Comments:

Fire Hydrant System – *When required, the fire hydrant system shall comply with IFC Appendix C and Section 507. Contact the KCFMO to determine hydrant spacing, flow requirements, and discharge port specifications. Depending on the proposed project, the hydrant system may need to comply with sections in NFPA 22, 24, and/or 25. Hydrants systems require a KCFMO permit. If a fire pump is needed to ensure the proper operation of a hydrant system a KCFMO permit is required.*

Required

Comments:



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Fire Alarm System – *When required, the fire alarm system shall comply with IFC Section 907 and NFPA 72. This will be determined at the review stage and will require monitoring by a base station alarm service and annually serviced by a third party. These systems also require a KCFMO permit.*

Required
Comments:

Automatic Fire Sprinkler System – *When required, the automatic fire sprinkler system shall comply with IFC Section 903 and applicable NFPA standards depending on building construction and occupancy types. This will be determined at plan review and shall require a KCFMO Fire Sprinkler Permit. Fire sprinkler systems in commercial occupancies will require annual servicing and inspection from a third-party. Proof of these annual inspections will be required at the commercial occupancy's annual KCFMO Fire and Life Safety Inspection.*

Required
Comments:

Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System (ERRCS) – *All commercial level structures/projects are required to have a radio frequency evaluation performed to indicate if an ERRCS shall be required. If that evaluation indicates, the ERRCS shall be installed in accordance with WAC 51-54A-0510, IFC 510, NFPA 72 Chapter 24, and NFPA 1221. These codes and standards provide minimum signal strength requirements inside and outside the structure. If the signal strength does not meet the minimum requirements a consultant may be required to assess if the structure will require an ERRCS. If required, the KCFMO and Kittcom 911 will work collaboratively to ensure the ERRCS is compliant with the above codes and standards.*

Required
Comments:

Fire Extinguishers – *Fire extinguishers are required for every 75' of travel and must be mounted so that the top of the extinguisher is no more than 4' above the floor. Fire extinguishers must be serviced annually by a third party inspector and be a minimum of 4lbs and be of type 10:A 20:BC.*

Required

Comments: The VAP area (which I believe is the meat smoking area) shall comply with **906.4.1 Portable fire extinguishers for solid fuel cooking appliances** - Solid fuel cooking appliances, whether or not under a hood, with fireboxes 5 cubic feet (0.14 m³) or less in volume shall have a minimum 2.5-gallon (9 L) or two 1.5-gallon (6 L) Class K wet-chemical portable fire extinguishers located in accordance with Section 906.1. In the event, there is no firebox that meets the above standard please give me a call to discuss what will be installed. Additionally, all other structures on the property shall have the above-mentioned minimum extinguishers installed.

Wildfire Prevention – *All residential, commercial residential, and commercial structures will receive a WUIC evaluation upon submission of the Preliminary Site Analysis, unless Pre-Application Approval is granted. Shortly after pre-application approval the KCFMO will perform a WUIC evaluation and attach it to the official comments. The WUIC requirements will comply with the IWUIC.*



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Required

Comments: This review will occur at building plan submittal, and you will be notified of any requirements.

Fire and Life Safety Inspection – *All non-residential projects will receive an initial Fire and Life Safety Inspection in order to acquire certificate of occupancy. Those same projects will receive annual Fire and Life Safety Inspections each year after the initial inspection until the project has been rendered unused. These inspections will comply with the current IFC and other applicable NFPA standards.*

Required

Comments: Since this is a new construction project, the project shall have a fire and life safety inspection performed near the end of the build. All facilities on the property, thereafter, will have a fire and life safety inspection performed annually. The KCFMO will provide a list of common violations for reference previous to this inspection.

Thank you for your time.

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