



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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### STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 98-16

- CODE:** 1997 Uniform Codes (Building, Mechanical, Fire and Plumbing)
- WAC 51-04, State Building Code Council Bylaws and Policies and Procedures for Consideration of Statewide and Local Amendments to the State Building Code
- SECTION:** Section 003 of each code and WAC 51-04-030
- QUESTIONS:**
1. If appendices (or portions thereof) are adopted locally without additional amending, would they be considered to be in conflict with the building code for single family or multifamily construction, thus requiring submittal and approval of the SBCC?
  2. If the answer to Question 1 is “yes”, will the Council consider reviewing all appendices to the Uniform Codes as part of the state code adoption cycle, or must they be submitted individually by each local jurisdiction prior to local adoption and implementation?
- ANSWERS:**
1. **No. Appendices supplement the codes and may be adopted by local jurisdictions without Council review or approval; except that if an appendix requirement intended for adoption conflicts with the state building code for single family or multifamily construction, adoption of that requirement must be reviewed and approved by the Council. (See RCW 19.27.015 for the definition of “multifamily”).**
  2. **No. The Council will not review all appendices as part of the state code adoption cycle. Submittal of local amendments for review per Answer 1 above is the responsibility of each local jurisdiction.**
- SUPERSEDES:** None
- REQUESTED BY:** Snohomish County