

Seattle Permits

— part of a multi-departmental City of Seattle series on getting a permit

Requesting a Code Amendment

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Any citizen may initiate a request to amend the text of the codes and regulations administered by Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), which include the following:

<u>Code Title</u>	<u>SMC Code Chapter</u>
Community Standards Codes	
Condominium Conversion	Ch. 22.903
Cooperative Conversion	Ch. 22.902
Housing/Building Maintenance	Ch. 22.200 -22.208
<i>- includes Just Cause Eviction Standards</i>	
Mobile Homes/Parks	Ch. 22.904.400, 22.904.460
Tenant Relocation Assistance	Ch. 22.210
Weeds and Vegetation Control	Ch. 10.52
Land Use Codes	
Environmentally Critical Areas	Ch. 25.09
Floodplain Development	Ch. 25.06
Land Use	Title 23
SEPA Policies and Procedures	Ch. 25.05
Stormwater, Grading and Drainage Control	Ch. 22.800-22.806
Technical Codes	
Seattle Boiler	Ch. 22.450
Seattle Building	Ch. 22.100
<i>- includes Elevator Standards</i>	
Seattle Electrical	Ch. 22.300
Seattle Energy	Ch. 22.700
Seattle Mechanical	Ch. 22.400
<i>- includes Refrigeration Standards</i>	
Noise Ordinance	Ch. 25.08
Seattle Residential	Ch. 22.150

NOTE: Sign regulations are located in both the Seattle Building Code and the Seattle Land Use Code.

We generally review codes on a periodic basis for necessary updates and maintenance. A citizen request for a code amendment may be handled individually or may be incorporated into an upcoming routine review and update. There is no fee for submission or review of a code amendment request.

A request to change a code becomes law only after approval by the City Council and the Mayor. Decisions by elected officials occur after SDCI prepares a report and recommendation on a proposed change. The department is not obligated to prepare a report or propose code amendments on every request received.

To initiate an amendment request for any of the listed codes, fill out the form on page 2 and submit it to the appropriate SDCI unit:

Community Standards Codes

IN PERSON: Bring it to the SDCI Code Compliance Division, located on the 19th floor of Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 Fifth Ave. in downtown Seattle.

BY MAIL: Send it to SDCI, ATTN: Code Compliance Division, 700 Fifth Ave., Suite 2000, P.O. Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019.

Land Use Codes

IN PERSON: Bring it to the SDCI Land Use Policy Unit, located on the 19th floor of Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 Fifth Ave. in downtown Seattle.

BY MAIL: Send it to SDCI, ATTN: Land Use Policy Unit, 700 Fifth Ave., Suite 2000, P.O. Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019.

Technical Codes

IN PERSON: Bring it to the SDCI Technical Codes Unit, located on the 21st floor of Seattle Municipal Tower at 700 Fifth Ave. in downtown Seattle.

BY MAIL: Send it to SDCI, ATTN: Technical Codes Unit, 700 Fifth Ave., Suite 2000, P.O. Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019.

Code change requests may also be submitted to the Seattle City Council or any of its members.



