



This interpretation is intended to provide guidance to staff for consistency of review and is subject to change without notice. Application of this interpretation, policy or code alternate to specific projects may vary.

Code Issue: When is a licensed design professional required to stamp plans where the value of non-structural alterations and repairs is less than \$75,000?

Policy: In most cases, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) does not require a professional stamp from a licensed design professional for smaller types of projects. However, if there are significant code issues, it is appropriate for SDCI to require a seal and signature on the plans even when the value of the project is less than \$75,000.

Examples of significant code issues include:

- Projects that trigger the substantial alteration provisions of the code.
- Projects affecting the separation of mixed occupancies.
- A change of occupancy to a Group A (assembly), E(education), or H (hazardous) occupancy. (This does not include an update from previous code designations).
- Alterations affecting the overall means of egress for a building.
- When the applicant does not demonstrate a basic understanding of code requirements.

For questions about whether this code solution applies to your project:

- If you have submitted a permit application, contact the Building Code plan reviewer assigned to your application.
- If you have not submitted an application, send us a question through the SDCI website www.seattle.gov/sdci/resources/send-us-a-question or in person at the Applicant Services Center.
- Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/who-we-are/applicant-services-center