



City of Seattle
Department of Planning & Development

2012 SBC Code Solution

**SBC Section 106.5.2 Exception 3,
Items 3.2 and 3.3
Professional Stamp for Less Than \$75,000**
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The following interpretation, policy or code alternate 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 do we require a licensed design professional to stamp plans where the value of non-structural alterations and repairs is less than \$75,000?

Policy:

In most cases, DPD does not require a professional stamp for this type of project. However, if there are significant code issues, it is appropriate to have a seal and signatures on the plan.

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 Group A, E, or H. (This does not include an update from previous code designations).
- Alterations affecting overall means of egress for a building.
- When the applicant does not demonstrate adequate understanding of basic 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, contact DPD Building Code Technical Support at 206-684-4630 or in person at the Applicant Services Center. Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process_Overview/Location_Hours/default.asp*



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