



City of Seattle
Dept of Planning & Development

2006 SRC Code Solution

Sec. R105.5.2.2
PE stamp for Townhouses
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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:

Is a licensed PE (not structural engineer) allowed to stamp plans for townhouses that meet the requirements of the Residential Code, even though the structure is being designed to the Building Code?

Policy:

DPD will accept a PE stamp on structural plans for townhouses meeting the scope requirements of the SRC, even though the structure is designed to the SBC, subject to the following limitations:

1. The structural system is light-frame construction (wood or cold-formed steel framing) with a shear wall lateral force-resisting system. Steel moment frames or extensive or more complex concrete structures (concrete frame, mild reinforced or post-tensioned floor slabs, etc.) must be designed by a licensed structural engineer.
2. The building is designed with conventional foundations. Complex foundations (wood, piles, etc.) must be designed by a licensed structural engineer.

If you have 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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