WAC 173-507-045 Permit-exempt wells for domestic uses. (1) The requirements and limits in this section apply to permit-exempt domestic wells constructed after the effective date of this rule. For the purpose of this section, "permit-exempt domestic wells" means wells for groundwater withdrawals exempt from permitting under RCW 90.44.050 for domestic use.

(2) A city or county issuing a building permit under RCW 19.27.097 (1)(d), or approving a subdivision under chapter 58.17 RCW in this water resource inventory area must:

(a) Record relevant restrictions or limitations associated with water supply with the property title;

(b) Collect applicable fees, as described in subsection (3) of this section;

(c) Record the number of building permits issued under chapter 19.27 RCW or subdivision approvals issued under chapter 58.17 RCW subject to the provisions of this section;

(d) Annually transmit to the department $350 of each fee collected under this section;

(e) Annually transmit to the department an accounting of building permits and subdivision approvals subject to the provisions of this section.

(3) Consistent with the provision of this section, an applicant for a building permit shall:

(a) Pay a fee of $500 to the permitting authority;

(b) Limit withdrawals to a maximum annual average withdrawal of 950 gallons per day per connection; and

(c) Manage stormwater runoff on-site to the extent practicable by maximizing infiltration, including using low-impact development techniques, or by following stormwater management requirements adopted by the local permitting authority, if locally adopted requirements are more stringent.

(4) Upon the issuance of a drought emergency order under RCW 43.83B.405, the department may curtail withdrawal of groundwater exempt from permitting under RCW 90.44.050 and approved under this section to no more than 350 gallons per day per connection for indoor use only. Notwithstanding the limitation of this section, an applicant may use groundwater exempt from permitting to maintain a fire control buffer during a drought emergency order.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 90.94.030 (3)(h) and 70A.02.060. WSR 26-12-038 (Order 24-09), s 173-507-045, filed 5/27/26, effective 6/27/26.]