

WSR 24-07-059

EMERGENCY RULES

BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

[Filed March 15, 2024, 10:56 a.m., effective March 15, 2024, 10:56 a.m.]

Effective Date of Rule: Immediately upon filing.

Purpose: This emergency filing is needed to reinstate an amendment erroneously removed from the 2021 International Fire Code during the 2021 initial rule making (2021 Code Adoption Cycle).

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 51-54A-0308.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 19.27.031, 19.27.074.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

Reasons for this Finding: During the drafting of the proposed amendments to chapter 51-54A WAC (2021 International Fire Code) a transcription error was made, having the effect of removing the existing Washington state amendment to Section 308.1.4. The removal was not proposed by the International Finance Corporation Technical Advisory Group nor the building, fire, and plumbing standing committee, and it was unintended by the building code council.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: March 15, 2024.

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Chair

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-13-093, 23-12-107, and 23-20-027, filed 6/14/22, 6/7/23, and 9/25/23, effective 3/15/24)

WAC 51-54A-0308 Open flames.

308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices. This section is not adopted.

308.1.7 Religious ceremonies. Participants in religious ceremonies shall not be precluded from carrying hand-held candles. See RCW 19.27.031(3).

308.1.7.1 Aisles and exits. Candles shall be prohibited in areas where occupants stand, or in an aisle or exit.

EXCEPTION: Candles used in religious ceremonies.

308.1.9 Decorative open flame tables. Gas-fired portable or fixed open flame fire tables and fireplaces are required to be provided with approved protection devices to prevent occupants from using flame, and from flame being exposed to combustible material. A fire extinguisher shall be located within 75 feet of travel distance or as approved. Where located indoors, the supply gas valve shall be interlocked with building fire alarm and/or fire sprinklers, where provided.