



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE AND RESCUE

Request for Fire Code Modification

The Washington State Fire Code states the Fire Marshal may grant modifications to provisions of the Fire Code upon application by the owner or owner's agent, provided the spirit and intent of the Fire Code are observed and public health, welfare, and safety are assured.

The Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue recognizes that there must be a mechanism within the code that allows the authority having jurisdiction to accept alternatives, as long as they provide an equivalent level of safety. The Division of Community Risk Reduction does not permit waivers or variances. A waiver or variance is permission to not comply with some code requirements. A modification is an equivalency which allows the use of other alternatives to meet the level of safety intended by the code.

Sufficient technical data must be submitted to substantiate the proposed use of any alternative. The technical data shall consist of three parts. The first item must be the applicable code requirement for which an equivalency is being sought. The second item must include the reasons the code requirement cannot be met. The third item in the documentation must include a detailed analysis of how the proposed alternative meets the level of safety intended by the code. It is important that the analysis demonstrate the equivalency, not just state that it is equivalent. Incomplete requests will not be considered.

Fire protection or safety features provided in the facility, in excess of the minimum code requirements, may also affect the equivalency. It is important to consider that fire safety usually consists of a system of protection, not just a set of independent features. When considering accepting an equivalency, the Fire Marshal will take into account how the specific item being evaluated affects the entire fire safety system of the building. Such items or combination of items as additional fire walls, installation of non-required fire suppression or fire alarm and detection systems, standpipes, additional fire hydrants and other fire protection systems will affect equivalency considerations.

If it is determined that the evidence presented is satisfactory proof of performance for the use intended, the Fire Marshal may approve the use of such alternative, subject to the requirements of the Division of Community Risk Reduction. The Fire Marshal may require and consider a statement from a professional engineer, architect or other competent person, as to the equivalency of the proposed modification.

As required by the Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue policy, the application for modification and the final decision of the Fire Marshal shall be in writing, and will be recorded in the permanent records of the Fire District. The second page of this form has an application that shall be used to request a fire code modification.

Request for fire code modification applications may be mailed, faxed, emailed or hand delivered to:

Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue
Attn: Fire Marshal
163 Village Court
Monroe Wa 98272

Phone: (360)794-7666
Fax: (360)794-1950
Email: firemarshal@sfr.org



Request for Fire Code Modification Application

Business or Project Name:						
Address:						
		Street	City		State	Zip
Owner or Property Manager Name:					Phone:	
Address:						
		Street	City		State	Zip
Applicant Name:					Phone:	
Address:						
		Street	City		State	Zip
Primary Contact Person:					Phone:	
Permit #					Email:	
This Occupancy or Project is:		<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing	Date Built or Code Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if a Modification Request to the International Building Code or Engineering Design & Development Standards is being submitted to the City of Lake Stevens, Monroe or Sultan.						
List the fire code requirement(s) for which a modification is being requested:						
Describe the reasons the fire code requirements cannot be met:						
Describe the proposed modification and how the request meets the intent of the fire code and maintains an equivalent level of safety:						

*Attached Additional Documentation as Needed

Print Name

Signature

Date

Approved Denied

Fire Marshal Signature

Date