

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ORDINANCE ORD2021-02  
AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 15.20 "SAWN LUMBER"  
TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, the people of Columbia County have access to several species of soft wood trees, such as Douglas Fir, Western Larch, Spruce, White Fir, Lodgepole Pine, Ponderosa Pine, White Pine; and,

WHEREAS, there is an environmentally friendly and cost effective means to mill said trees into posts, beams, and framing lumber; and,

WHEREAS, preservation of the custom, culture and economic stability of the citizens and the protection and use of their environment, are inseparably tied to their ability to be involved in determining any regulation of their rights to use and enjoy their unique lands and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the climate of Columbia County is conducive to air drying to meet the American Softwood Lumber Standard (ASLS) PS20-10 grade book standard of a maximum 19% moisture content; and,

WHEREAS, the American Softwood Lumber Standard (ASLS) PS 20-10 is the minimum standard by which lumber is classified in the International Residential Code (IRC); and,

WHEREAS, oversight from an impartial third party is necessary to ensure that safety and quality are of the utmost importance to the approval of any structure within Columbia County;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners bases its findings and conclusions on the entire record of testimony and exhibits, including the final Columbia County, Washington Staff Report ("Staff Report"), herein adopted by reference as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, the update described in ORD2021-12 shall take effect five days after the signatures below, pending final approval by the Washington State Building Code Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT self-milled local lumber will be allowed to be used for structures in Columbia County, State of Washington, in accordance with new Chapter 15.20 "Sawn Lumber" of the Columbia County Code.

Adopted by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2021. Adoption contingent on Washington State Building Code Council Approval.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON



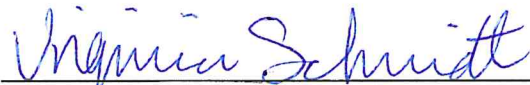
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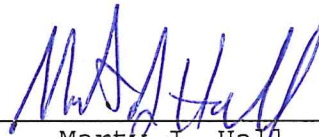
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Chapter 15.20 Sawn Lumber

Sections:

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15.20.010 Applicability

The provisions of this section supersede International Residential Code.

15.20.020 Definitions

"Self-Milled Lumber" is lumber that has been locally harvested and milled by the owner of the project.

"Locally Harvested" shall mean harvested from within the boundaries of Columbia County.

15.20.030 Locally Harvested

All self-milled lumber used in structures in Columbia County must be locally harvested and must have documentation of the date of harvest, location of harvest, date of milling, length of drying processing, and date of dressing.

15.20.040 Moisture Content and Size

Moisture content of self-milled liber must meet the American Softwood Lumber Standard of 19% moisture or less on the date of use. Self-milled lumber must be equal to or greater than standard sizes after drying and dressing. Two-by (2x) lumber used in rough form must be thicker than nominal size by no less than ¼". Members must be cut full size in width and thickness.

15.20.050 Inspection and Documentation

Grade and species must match requirements in the Western Wood Products Association and National Design Standards for Wood Span Tables for Floor and Ceiling Joists and Roof Rafters. In permanently occupied structures, the lumber must be deemed acceptable for construction by a qualified third party before construction can begin. If the inspector is not a certified lumber inspector, the Columbia

County Commissioners will review the qualifications of the lumber inspector. All documentation of the lumber's history and inspection will be attached to the title of the property for the duration of the structure's lifespan. All costs and fees will be the responsibility of the property owner.

15.20.060 Severability

Should any section or provision of this Chapter be declared invalid, such decision should not affect the validity of the chapter as a whole.

15.20.070 Enforcement

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish, equip, use, occupy, or maintain any building or structure or cause or permit the same to be done in violation of this code. Any violation of this chapter will be subject to the provisions in CCC Title 19, Code Enforcement.