



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

May 2018  
Log No. \_\_\_\_\_

**1. State Building Code to be Amended:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Building Code | <input type="checkbox"/> International Mechanical Code        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ICC ANSI A117.1 Accessibility Code     | <input type="checkbox"/> International Fuel Gas Code          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Existing Building Code   | <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Residential Code         | <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Fire Code                | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildland Urban Interface Code        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Plumbing Code                  |   |

For the Washington State Energy Code, please see specialized [energy code forms](#)

**Section(s):**  
IBC Section 2902.6

**Title:**  
Small Occupancies

**2. Proponent Name (Specific local government, organization or individual):**

**Proponent:** Washington Association of Building Officials Technical Code Development Committee

**Title:** The Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) is a nonprofit, professional association of state, county, city and town officials in Washington State engaged in the development, enforcement and administration of building construction codes and ordinances. Members (both governmental and associate) are building officials and inspectors, plans examiners, architects, structural engineers and others interested in providing safe buildings for our communities.

**Date:** 5/24/2021

**3. Designated Contact Person:**

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**4. Proposed Code Amendment.** Reproduce the section to be amended by underlining all added language, striking through all deleted language. Insert new sections in the appropriate place in the code in order to continue the established numbering system of the code. If more than one section is proposed for amendment or more than one page is needed for reproducing the affected section of the code additional pages may be attached. (Examples on the SBCC [website](#))

**Code(s)** 2021 International Building Code      **Section(s)** 2902.6

Enforceable code language must be used; see an example [by clicking here](#).  
Amend section to read as follows:

~~**[P] 2902.6 Small occupancies.** Drinking fountains shall not be required for an occupant load of 15 or fewer.~~

**5. Briefly explain your proposed amendment, including the purpose, benefits and problems addressed.** Specifically note any impacts or benefits to business, and specify construction types, industries and services that would be affected. Finally, please note any potential impact on enforcement such as special reporting requirements or additional inspections required.

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate confusion between Washington State Amendment 2902.5.1 and IBC Section 2902.6. IBC Section 2902.6 requires drinking fountains for occupant loads greater than 15. It relies on IBC Table 2902.1 for the scoping of the number of required drinking fountains.

The Washington State Amendments to Chapter 29 take all scoping language for drinking fountains out of Table 2902.1 and instead add them to a new section: 2902.5.1. This section also changes the minimum number of occupants where drinking fountains are required from more than 15 to more than 30. However, when these amendments were made, IBC Section 2902.6 was not removed. This puts this State amended section 2902.5.1 in direct conflict with IBC Section 2902.6. In our opinion, IBC Section 2902.6 should be removed.

**6. Specify what criteria this proposal meets.** You may select more than one.

- The amendment is needed to address a critical life/safety need.
- The amendment clarifies the intent or application of the code.
- The amendment is needed to address a specific state policy or statute.
- The amendment is needed for consistency with state or federal regulations.
- The amendment is needed to address a unique character of the state.
- The amendment corrects errors and omissions.

**7. Is there an economic impact:**  Yes     No

Explain:

The code change proposal will not increase or decrease the cost of construction. The proposal simply removes language from the IBC that is in direct conflict with the State Amendment.

If there is an economic impact, use the tool below to estimate the costs and savings of the proposal on construction practices, users and/or the public, the enforcement community, and operation and maintenance. If preferred, you may submit an alternate cost benefit analysis.

Provide your best estimate of the construction cost (or cost savings) of your code change proposal?  
(See OFM Life Cycle Cost [Analysis tool](#) and [Instructions](#); use these [Inputs](#). **Webinars on the tool can be found [Here](#) and [Here](#)**)

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Show calculations here, and list sources for costs/savings, or attach backup data pages

List any code enforcement time for additional plan review or inspections that your proposal will require, in hours per permit application:

Please send your completed proposal to: [sbcc@des.wa.gov](mailto:sbcc@des.wa.gov)

All questions must be answered to be considered complete. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.