## **STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 23-Jan02**

CODE: 2018 International Mechanical Code

**SECTION:** 403.4.4.1 Whole house ventilation and ERV requirements

**QUESTION:** Are ERVs required in all new R-2 occupancy dwelling units?

ANSWER: No. At this time, an HRV/ERV is only required for those R-2 buildings that fall

under the requirements of C403.3.6 of the Washington State Energy Code-Commercial Provisions. An R-2 building constructed under the residential provisions of the WSEC are not required to provide an HRV/ERV unless selected as a R406 credit option. Please note, however, that there is a scoping change under the 2021 WSEC that will move the majority of R-2 buildings

under the commercial energy code.

SUPERSEDES: None

**REQUESTED BY:** City of Battle Ground