



ADOPTION OF THE 2018 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODES & AMENDMENTS TO YAKIMA COUNTY CODE TITLE 13 2021

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Yakima County building codes, fire codes, and certain amendments thereto are in need of updating to incorporate state adopted 2018 editions of the International Codes listed below:

International Building, International Residential, International Mechanical, International Fuel gas, International Fire, International property Maintenance, International Wildland-urban interface, International existing building, International performance, International energy conservation, and uniform plumbing Codes and certain amendments thereto, Yakima County Code Title 13.

CONSISTENCY WITH CHANGES IN STATE LAW

Part of the changes included in the update are to align Yakima County Title 13 with the newly adopted state regulations. These changes are intended to keep Yakima County current with amendments to state laws and changes made by the Washington State Building Code Council.

Significant change

- Washington State Energy Code – Both the residential and commercial code changes have substantially increased the minimum requirements for compliance with the 2018 IRC & IBC code editions.

POSITIVE CHANGES

- Changing the permit expiration date from 3 to 6 years for Single Family Residences (changing a previous BOCC decision Ordinance 5-2013, YCC13.06.035, IRC Section R105.5)
- Allowing (2) two residential accessory structures per parcel “Work Exempt from Permit” (instead of one)
- Adding portable animal shelters to “Work Exempt from Permit” (NEW)
- Maintaining building permit fees at 2015 levels (excluding Fire they remain at 2016 level)
- Recouping the cost of processing title eliminations.

OTHER CHANGES

Other Changes required as part of this ordinance code update include:

- A Majority of the changes to this ordinance are updating code edition references from 2015 to 2018.
- Violations and fines were incorporated from Title 13 Building and Construction to Title 21 Code Enforcement.
- Overall Cleanup – Removed repetitive language in the fee section for clarity and deletion of outdated references.

Guide to Title 13 Review Changes

All new text is identified by the blue, underlined text. This is text that we have added.

All deleted text is ~~identified by red, strike through text~~. This is text that we have deleted.

Any reference materials that are not available within the document are available upon request by contacting Yakima County Public Services Department Karri Espinoza by phone at 509-574-2300 or email at [Karri Espinoza@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:Karri.Espinoza@co.yakima.wa.us).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing
April 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Resolution No. 104-2021 dated April 13, 2021
Ordinance No. 4-2021

Hearing Materials

You can obtain the draft ordinance by:

1) Downloading it from the Yakima County web site:

<https://www.yakimacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/27659/Ord-10-2016-YCC-13-Final-with-Edits-4-9-2021>

2) Requesting that a copy be emailed to you by contacting the Julie Lawrence the Clerk of the Board by phone at 509-574-1500 or by email at julie.lawrence@co.yakima.wa.us, or directly from Yakima County Public Services Department by contacting Karri Espinoza by phone at 509-574-2300 or email at [Karri Espinoza@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:Karri.Espinoza@co.yakima.wa.us).

3) Printed copy may be reviewed and inspected at the office of the Yakima County Public Services, 128 North Second Street, 4th Floor Courthouse, Yakima, Washington 98901.

Request for Comments

Your views on the proposals are encouraged. You may provide verbal comments at the public hearing. In addition, all mailed comments received prior to the hearing will be considered. You may send written comments to:

- Board of Yakima County Commissioners, Yakima County Courthouse, Room 232, 128 North Second Street, Yakima, WA 98901; or,
- Yakima County Public Services Building Division, Fourth Floor Courthouse, 128 North Second Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Other options for providing comment are listed below:

- Via email to: Marivel.Garcia@co.yakima.wa.us

Be sure to reference the **2021 - Adoption of 2018 International Codes and Title 13 Amendments**

For Additional Information

If you have any questions on this proposal, please call **Harold MacLean**, at (509) 574-2300 or 1-800-572-7354 ext. 2300.