

Plan Review Thresholds

July 15, 2019

Plan review required for the following work:

Plumbing	Mechanical	Electrical*
Rainwater systems supplying fixtures within buildings	The following applies only to buildings that are NOT IRC one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses:	Photovoltaic systems on all types of occupancies
The following applies only to buildings that are NOT IRC one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses:	New multifamily, non-residential or mixed-use buildings	All exterior appliances such as generators, A/C units and heat pumps on all types of occupancies (a zoning review may** be required
New multifamily, non-residential or mixed-use buildings	Existing multifamily, non-residential or mixed-use addition or alteration projects with the addition or relocation of more than 15 diffusers and/or 5	demonstrating unit placement on a site plan.)
Existing non-residential or mixed-use addition or alteration projects with more than 10 individual fixtures	VAV boxes connected to existing HVAC equipment provided: • The work is limited to branch ducts, diffusers and VAV boxes	New installations or alterations of services, feeders, generators, subpanels and transformers rated 100-amps or greater of non-residential,
 All tenant improvements with: Medical gas piping Commercial kitchens Food service (Requiring King/Snohomish County Health 	 Ducts that do not penetrate a fire and/or smoke rated assembly Any commercial cooking operations including Type 1 and Type 2 hoods 	multifamily and mixed-use buildings Installations in hazardous locations as defined by the NEC & WCEC
Dept approval for restaurants/food prep)	Beauty and/or nail salons, barber shops	Any installation or alteration in a space with health care, educational, and institutional occupancy categories as
Roof drains and/or overflow systems	Work that affects smoke control	listed in WCEC 85.15.G(1)
Oil water separators Grease removal devices	Rooms or storage spaces containing: Gas cylinders, batteries and the use of hazardous materials	Replacing 50% or more of the lighting luminaries (an energy code review may be required demonstrating daylight
Sumps (residential waste pumps require prior approval, but not plan	Changes to exhaust systems except new bathroom exhaust connected to an existing	harvesting, primary and secondary zones and occupancy sensors)
review)	compatible environmental air exhaust system	Installations on electrical systems operating at over 600 volts
All types of laboratories, chemical waste systems	Gas & Fuel oil piping and appliances e.g. heaters, boilers, water heaters, kilns, fireplaces, generators, tanks	Installations as required by the building official for which by their nature are
All medical and dental	Refrigeration systems	complex, hazardous or pose unique design problems
All water heaters over 60 gallons (see seismic bracing handout)	Transformer ventilation systems	*Only pertains to jurisdictions that
	Condensate removal from HVAC coils	have an electrical program. **Please check with the local
	Seismic bracing for all equipment over 400 pounds and water heaters over 60 gallons (see seismic bracing handout)	jurisdiction to see if a zoning review is required.

Note: Complex, hazardous or systems that pose unique design problems as determined by the Building Official will require plan review. Exceptions to plan review may be granted by the Building Official. Check with the local jurisdiction for any modifications to this table.