

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.150.010; amending Sections R103, R105, R202, and R302 of the 2012 Seattle Residential Code, to clarify regulations and adopt amendments consistent with the Washington Residential Code.

**Summary of the Legislation:** This legislation includes amendments that adopt recently-enacted amendments to the State Residential Code, coordinate with other construction-related codes, and correct errors. A detailed list of the changes is found in Attachment 1.

**Background:** The Seattle Residential Code is one of several construction-related codes that local jurisdictions are required to enforce. New editions of these codes are adopted by the State every 3 years; Seattle adds local amendments to the State codes. Seattle adopted the 2012 codes in 2013.

This legislation is one of seven related bills that amend the construction-related codes to adopt recent state code provisions and correct errors.

**X This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

**Other Implications:**

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?** No
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** It's unlikely there would be any cost.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** No
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** No

- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation? No**
  
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation? No**
  
- g) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property? No**
  
- h) **Other Issues: None**

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**

Attachment 1: 2014 Seattle Residential Code Amendments, Detailed list

**Attachment 1**  
**2014 Seattle Residential Code Amendments**  
**Detailed list of changes**

**R103.10, R103.11** clarify the procedure for review of DPD decisions about permit applications. Review by the building official is available before the permit is issued, and review by the Construction Codes Advisory Board is available between the time the building official reviews and permit issuance.

**R105.2** raises the threshold when a building permit is required for minor repairs and alterations to match a recent change in the Building Code. The threshold would be raised from \$4000 to \$6000.

**R202** revises the definition of “floating home” to be consistent with a bill passed in the 2014 State Legislative session. The legislation distinguishes between floating homes and “floating on-water residences.”

**R302.2** adopts recent State Residential Code amendments addressing the required fire separation between townhouses. The new amendments provide different requirements for townhouses that are protected with fire sprinklers and those that are not.

**R302.3** adopts a recent State Residential Code amendment that relates to the fire rating of the floors of duplexes. Floors are required to be fire rated when they separate dwelling units. According to the State amendment, the part of the building structure that supports the fire-rated floor must also be fire rated unless the duplex has a fire sprinkler system or the smoke alarms in the two units are interconnected.