



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): 202**

**Title: 202 Definitions;**

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

**Proponent: ESHB 1023**

**Title: AN ACT Relating to allowing certain adult family homes to increase capacity to eight beds**

**Date: Effective Date June 11, 2020**

**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) 2018 IBC      Section(s) 202 Definitions**

Amend section to read as follows:

**SECTION 202—DEFINITIONS.**

**ADULT FAMILY HOME.** A dwelling, licensed by Washington state, in which a person or persons provide personal care, special care, room and board to more than one but not more than six adults who are not related by blood or marriage to the person or persons providing the services.

EXCEPTION: An adult family home may provide services to up to eight adults upon approval from the department of social and health services.

**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.

This code change proposal is in response to ESHB 1023 effective June 11, 2020. The bill mandates the proposed changes to the IBC regarding increasing bed capacity to eight. The changes expand the number of bed allowed if specific criteria is met from six to eight if specific licensing requirements are met.

**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 changes expand the number of beds allowed from six to eight if specific licensing requirements are met. This is intended to reduce operation costs per occupant.

An economic analysis is not required per RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(v) Rules the content of which is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute, including any rules of the department of revenue adopted under the authority of RCW [82.32.762\(3\)](#)

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

This change will not significantly increase plan review or inspection time

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.