

STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 21-Apr1

CODE: 2018 IRC
SECTION: IRC M1505.4 Dwelling Unit Ventilation

Background: The ventilation requirements do not specifically address how to apply these requirements to unheated storage area conversions within an existing dwelling, attached garage conversions or additions to existing homes.

QUESTION 1: Is it the intent of the code to require the ventilation for the entire existing home to comply with this section when an addition is constructed or a garage is converted?

ANSWER: **No, as long as the converted/added habitable space is provided with outside air and exhaust served from the existing dwelling.**

QUESTION 2: If the answer to question 1 is no; is it the intent to allow the attached garage conversions and additions to use the ventilation code in effect at the time the home was constructed?

ANSWER: **No. The code requires, in Section R102.7.1, that the addition/alteration conform to the requirements of the current code.**

SUPERSEDES: None
REQUESTED BY: Thurston County