



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION NO. 21-10

CODE: 2018 Washington State Energy Code-Residential

SECTION: R406, Additional Energy Efficiency Requirements

QUESTION 1: Are all conditioned occupancies under residential codes (such as heated accessory structures, garages, bunkhouses and other livings spaces) required to comply with the energy credit requirements in Sections R406.2 and R406.3?

ANSWER: **No. Only those accessory structures that meet the definition of *dwelling unit* would be required to comply with Section R406.**

QUESTION 2: The number of credits required for very small additions is inordinately high given the limited options for additions of 200 square feet or less. Were these additions intended to meet the requirements, even if no new heating, plumbing, glazing or other credit options are available, or were already used in a recent renovation or other permitted work?

ANSWER: **Yes. The code requires that all additions of less than 500 square feet achieve 1.5 credits.**

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: San Juan County