

STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 23-Jan01

CODE: 2018 Washington State Energy Code-Commercial

SECTION: C402.4.1 Window-to-wall calculation

QUESTION: Are below-grade interior walls that separate conditioned space from parking areas permitted to be included in the window-to-wall ratio calculation?

ANSWER: **Unless the wall meets the definition of a 'below grade wall' then yes, it can be considered as part of the window to wall ratio calculation. *Below grade wall* and *above grade wall* are defined terms in the energy code. In some cases, walls that are below grade are considered an *above grade wall* per the energy code.**

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Bellevue

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