



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 23-09

CODE: 2021 International Residential Code and 2021 International Fire Code

SECTION: IRC Section R324 and IFC Section 1205

QUESTION 1: Can a jurisdiction use IFC Section 1205 when permitting on a residential structure?

ANSWER: Yes. Designers and jurisdictions can use IFC Section 1205.2.1 (including exception 5) to allow a pathway reduction for arrays less than 1,000 sqft which occupy 33% or less of the total roof area.

SUPERSEDES: NONE

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