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2024 Group 1 Timeline and TAG Background Information.

March 2024:	SBCC approved the 2024 TAG membership makeup.
April 12, 2024:	First meeting for all TAGs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Onboarding• Schedule• Required Training• Tasks
Beginning April 17, 2024:	Group 1 TAGs meet. The objective is to review significant changes to model codes and evaluate existing state amendments. Schedule three meetings for each TAG over a 5-week period. Assign chapter review to TAG members, as needed. TAG reports must show recommendations to maintain or delete existing state amendments, and flag significant changes to model codes needing further review or amendments.
May 24, 2024	SBCC regular meeting. Council reviews TAG reports and establishes a submission period for new statewide amendments to the 2024.
July 24, 2024:	Submission deadline for Group 1 codes other than Energy Code, pending SBCC approval.
August 24, 2024:	Submission deadline for Energy Code, Commercial, pending SBCC approval.
*August through November 2024:	Group 1 TAGs meet to review proposed statewide amendments to the 2024 model codes and make recommendations to the Standing Committees. Standing Committees further discuss the TAG recommendations and make recommendations to the full Council. TAGs and Standing Committees recommend amendments be approved, denied or modified. The SBCC may or may not agree with TAG and Committee recommendations. *September through January for Commercial Energy Code TAG.
Nov. 15, 2024:	Regular SBCC meeting. The SBCC can accept or overturn TAG recommendations, or refer proposals back to TAGs for further review. Approved or modified proposals are filed for public hearings (CR-102).
Jan. 17 through March 18, 2025:	Public comment period and Public Hearings (Tentative) for Group 1 other than Energy Code. The public comment and hearings for the Commercial Energy Code will occur with the Group 2 codes.
March 21, 2025:	Regular SBCC meeting. Work session to review testimony for Group 1 other than Energy Code.
April 25, 2025:	Regular SBCC meeting. Final adoption of 2024 Group 1 codes other than Energy Code. The Commercial Energy Code will be final action will coincide with the Group 2 codes.

TAG OPERATION AND PROCESS FOR CODE REVIEW

- The Council, Standing Committee, or Council staff will give clear direction to each TAG defining project-based assignments, guidelines, specific duties, constraints, and goals.
- TAGs may conduct research into code related matters, review proposed amendments, review documents submitted with proposed amendments, identify issues related to the codes, review and evaluate national code changes for consistency/conflict with existing state laws and regulations.
- Proponents and opponents of proposed amendments to the codes shall follow guidelines for testimony established by the Council.
- Meetings will be held online via Zoom with available in-person locations at 1500 Jefferson Street in Olympia.
- Dates will be determined by the SBCC staff and TAG chairs, after discussing with TAG members. At their meetings, each TAG will adopt a meeting schedule, including a timeframe for completion.
- Members of the public are welcome to attend the TAG meetings. Any interested individual can join the list serve and participate at TAG meetings.
- Workgroups may be appointed by the TAG Chair to address specific issues to be brought back to the TAG for action.
- TAGs will operate on a consensus basis. "Consensus" means that all of the members have agreed to a position on an issue. The TAG Chair shall determine if consensus has been reached, and whether any issue may be revisited.
- Consensus recommendations shall include a brief summary of the rationale for the recommendation.
- If consensus cannot be reached, a recommendation shall be made by a majority vote of a quorum of voting TAG members.
- Amendments referred to TAGs for review shall be approved by a majority of the technical advisory group voting members to be taken up for consideration by the Council.
- Disputed recommendations shall be presented by the TAG Chair to the applicable Standing Committees in the form of a written or oral report, outlining all issues related to the subject.
- If TAG members have three consecutive absences from a meeting, the Council will designate their member status to ex-officio, nonvoting members, until a reappointment is made. Ex-officio members do not count when determining a quorum.
- Within three months of appointment, technical advisory group members must receive training on ethics in public service including, but not limited to, provisions of chapter 42.52 RCW.
- When reviewing proposed amendments, TAGs shall use a standardized, accepted methodology to consider economic impact on small businesses, housing affordability, construction costs, life-cycle costs, and cost of code enforcement, and shall evaluate the information provided by the proponent of such proposal. The TAG shall report those findings to the Workgroup on Economic Impact.
- Recommendations to approve, modify or disapprove state amendments to the codes shall be based on the criteria established by the Council.
 - The amendment is needed to address a critical life/safety need.
 - The amendment clarifies the intent or application of the code.
 - The amendment is necessary for consistency with state or federal laws and regulations.
 - The amendment corrects errors and omissions.
 - The amendment eliminates an obsolete, conflicting, duplicating or unnecessary regulation.
- Proposed amendments directed by the Legislature will be discussed individually.

- The primary objective of the council is to encourage consistency in the building code throughout the state of Washington and to maintain the building code consistent with the state's interest as provided in RCW [19.27.020](#).
- An objective of statewide adoption is to minimize state amendments to the model codes.
- The following objectives are found in RCW 19.27.020:
 - To require minimum performance standards and requirements for construction and construction materials, consistent with accepted standards of engineering, fire and life safety.
 - To require standards and requirements in terms of performance and nationally accepted standards.
 - To permit the use of modern technical methods, devices and improvements.
 - To eliminate restrictive, obsolete, conflicting, duplicating and unnecessary regulations and requirements which could unnecessarily increase construction costs or retard the use of new materials and methods of installation or provide unwarranted preferential treatment to types or classes of materials or products or methods of construction.
 - To provide for standards and specifications for making buildings and facilities accessible to and usable by physically disabled persons.
 - To consolidate within each authorized enforcement jurisdiction, the administration and enforcement of building codes.