



STATE OF WASHINGTON
STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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Log No. _____

1. State Building Code to be Amended:

International Building Code
ICC ANSI A117.1 Accessibility Code
International Existing Building Code
International Residential Code
International Fire Code
Uniform Plumbing Code

International Mechanical Code
International Fuel Gas Code
NFPA 54 National Fuel Gas Code
NFPA 58 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code
Wildland Urban Interface Code
For the Washington State Energy Code, please see
specialized [energy code forms](#)

Section(s): 202
(e.g.: Section: R403.2)

Title: Temporary Event Definition
(e.g: Footings for wood foundations)

2. Proponent Name (Specific local government, organization or individual):

Proponent: Washington Association of Building Officials Technical Code Development Committee
(Micah Chappell, chair; Jonathan Siu, technical consultant)

Title:

Date: 9/10/2024

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4. **Proposed Code Amendment.** Reproduce the section to be amended by underlining all added language, striking through all deleted language. Insert new sections in the appropriate place in the code in order to continue the established numbering system of the code. If more than one section is proposed for amendment or more than one page is needed for reproducing the affected section of the code, additional pages may be attached.

Clearly state if the proposal modifies an existing amendment or if a new amendment is needed. If the proposal modifies an **existing amendment**, show the modifications to the existing amendment by underlining all added language and striking through all deleted language. If a new amendment is needed, show the modifications to the **model code** by underlining all added language and striking through all deleted language.

Code(s) IBC Section(s) 202

Enforceable code language must be used.

Amend section to read as follows:

TEMPORARY EVENT. A single use during the *service life* of a ~~public-occupancy~~ temporary structure at a given location that includes its installation, inspection, use and occupancy, and dismantling.

5. **Briefly explain your proposed amendment, including the purpose, benefits and problems addressed.** Specifically note any impacts or benefits to business, and specify construction types, industries and services that would be affected. Finally, please note any potential impact on enforcement such as special reporting requirements or additional inspections required.

This amendment cleans up an error made during the 2024 IBC code development process. It will clarify that there are temporary structures other than public occupancy temporary structures. This particular amendment will have no impact on industries, services, or enforcement.

As written, a temporary event is only associated with the use of a public occupancy temporary structure. However, a temporary structure is erected to support a temporary event, per the definition (below, highlight added).

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE. Any building or structure erected for a period of 180 days or less **to support temporary events**. Temporary structures include a range of structure types (public-occupancy temporary structures, temporary special event structures, tents, umbrellas and other membrane structures, relocatable buildings, temporary bleachers, etc.) for a range of purposes (storage, equipment protection, dining, workspace, assembly, etc.).

Putting the two definitions together, if temporary events are only associated with public occupancy temporary structures, then there are no other types of temporary structures other than public occupancy temporary structures. This is clearly erroneous.

The proposed amendment will make it clear that public occupancy temporary structures are not the only temporary structures that exist and align the code with common understanding. Without it, the code could be interpreted to exempt all other temporary structures from any structural or fire/life-safety requirements in the code.

6. **Specify what criteria this proposal meets.** You may select more than one.

The amendment is needed to address a critical life/safety need.
The amendment clarifies the intent or application of the code.
The amendment is needed to address a specific state policy or statute.
The amendment is needed for consistency with state or federal regulations.
The amendment is needed to address a unique character of the state.
The amendment corrects errors and omissions.

7. Is there an economic impact: No

If no, state reason: **This amendment only clarifies the application of the code.**

If yes, provide economic impact, costs and benefits as noted below in items a – f.

- a. **Life Cycle Cost.** Use the OFM Life Cycle Cost [Analysis tool](#) to estimate the life cycle cost of the proposal using one or more typical examples. Reference these [Instructions](#); use these [Inputs](#). Webinars on the tool can be found [Here](#) and [Here](#)). If the tool is used, submit a copy of the excel file with your proposal submission. If preferred, you may submit an alternate life cycle cost analysis.
- b. **Construction Cost.** Provide your best estimate of the construction cost (or cost savings) of your code change proposal.

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(For residential projects, also provide \$Click here to enter text./ dwelling unit)

Show calculations here, and list sources for costs/savings, or attach backup data pages
- c. **Code Enforcement.** List any code enforcement time for additional plan review or inspections that your proposal will require, in hours per permit application:
- d. **Small Business Impact.** Describe economic impacts to small businesses:
- e. **Housing Affordability.** Describe economic impacts on housing affordability:
- f. **Other.** Describe other qualitative cost and benefits to owners, to occupants, to the public, to the environment, and to other stakeholders that have not yet been discussed:

Please send your completed proposal to: sbcc@des.wa.gov

All questions must be answered to be considered complete. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.