



Washington State Building Code Council

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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 24-28

CODE: 2021 International Fire Code

SECTION: 3103.5 Use Period

QUESTION 1: The fire code does not provide a definition for the term “premises”. Can the SBCC provide an opinion/interpretation of what is deemed a premises?

ANSWER: Dictionaries define the term “premises” as a tract of land with the buildings thereon. This definition is consistent with the intent of the adopted code language. Local jurisdictions should develop their interpretation and application of the term “premises”.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: City of Renton