

Single Exit / Multiplex Housing Fire Department Criteria

1. Professional Fire Department:

Professional fire department (PFD) shall mean a fire protection organization established under the authority of RCW 52 (Fire Protection Districts), RCW 53 (Port Districts) or RCW 35 (Cities and Towns),

All SEMH facilities shall be served by a PFD with a Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB) rating of 3 or less.

Exception: If a PFD does not have the required rating across its response area the SEMH shall be located in an area where service levels consistent with the rating of 3 or less is available as determined by the fire code official.

2. Location:

In Counties and Cities required or choosing to undertake planning under RCW 36.70A (the Growth Management Act) SEMH shall be limited to those locations where multi-family residential development is allowed by locally adopted comprehensive plans.

In Counties and Cities that do not plan under the provisions of RCW 36.70 SEMH shall be limited to those areas specifically designated where public facilities including fire protection are available that meet the requirements of section 1.

3. Water Supply

Water supplies for firefighting purposes (fire flow) serving SEMH facilities shall be established by adopted Consolidated Water System Plans or local ordinance. Where no local plans or ordinances exist, fire flow shall be provided in accordance with Appendix B of the currently adopted edition of the International Fire Code.

4. Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants capable of providing the required fire flow serving SEMH facilities shall be as established by adopted Consolidated Water System Plans or local ordinance. Where no local plans or ordinances exist, fire hydrants shall be provided in accordance with Appendix C of the currently adopted edition of the International Fire Code.

5. Fire Apparatus Access Roads

All SEMH facilities shall be provided with approved fire apparatus access roads constructed in accordance with locally adopted road, street and access standards. Where

locally adopted road, street or access standards do not exist or do not apply to on-site conditions, fire apparatus access shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of Section 503 and Appendix D of the currently adopted edition of the International Fire Code.