

SINGLE EXIT TOPIC SUMMARY

Date Scheduled	Date Discussed	Topic	Seattle Code	WABO Appendix	Where located in WABO Appendix	Washington Building Code	Comments
18-Nov	9/9/2025, 11/04/2025	User Note:				Appendix XX User Note	Not Optional for jurisdictions
18-Nov	11/4/2025	Duplicate Appendix in IFC??					NO
		Pointer in IFC Preface to appendix					???
18-Nov	11/4/2025	Exception in Ch 10				1006.3.4	IBC 1006.3.4 Add potential #6
	9/9, 10/7, 11/04	FD: Professional Fire Department		Recommended.	User note	XX 101.1	See RCW 35.103/RCW52.33
	9/9, 10/7, 11/04	FD: Location/Response Time		Recommended.	User note	XX 101.1	
	9/9, 10/7, 11/04	FD: Ladder truck		Recommended.	User note	XX 101.1	
	9/9, 10/7, 11/04	FD: Apparatus Access Roads				Local Ordinance will guide this requirement.	IFC section 503 is not adopted in accordance with 19.27.060 (5). Since 1985. 503 in IFC not adopted
	9-Sep	FD: Water Supply		Recommended. IFC Appendix B has guidance	User note	per base code	IFC appendix B per code
	9-Sep	FD: Fire Hydrants				per base code	IFC Appendix C per code
	7/29/2025, 9/9/2025, 11/04/2025	Number of stories served by single exit	top 5	top 5	Q101.1	XX 101.2	Top five are single exit and Lowest Story makes 6
	7/29/2025, 11/04/2025	Sleeping Units	Excludes Boarding Houses only	R-2 Apartment dwelling units only	Q101.1	XX 101.2	Limited to R-2 Apartment Houses only
	29-Jul	Occupancy	R-2	R-2 Apartment	Q101.1	XX 101.2	limit single stair to serve only R-2 Apartment Houses
	12-Aug	Electrical Room on the floor	Closet OK (policy)			XX 101.2 Exception	OK to corridor with Rated Door

	12-Aug	Mechanical room on the floor	Closet OK (policy)			XX 101.2 Exception	OK to corridor with Rated Door
	12-Aug	IDX room on the floor	Closet OK (policy)			XX 101.2 Exception	OK to corridor with Rated Door
	29-Jul	Number of stories total	6	6	Q101.1 #1	XX 101.2 #1	six stories
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Storage room on the floor	Prohibited			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Trash Chute on the floor	Prohibited*			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Trash access room	Prohibited*			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Trash Collection Room	per code, prohibited			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Amenity Space – part of R occupancy	OK to communicate (policy)			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Amenity Space – A occupancy	Prohibited*			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Mailroom	Prohibited			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Management Office	OK to communicate (policy)			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	8/12/25, 11/4/2025	Building Mech Room	Prohibited			XX 101.2 #2.	Up to Local AHJ to interpret.
	12-Aug	Communication to other occupancy	Prohibited *have permitted w/ redundancy and AMMR, case by case approval	Revised to "directly communicate"	Q101.1 #2	XX 101.2 #2	
	12-Aug	Parking Garage	OK to communicate per exception		Q101.1 #2 Exception	XX 101.2 #2 Exception	OK to communicate per exception
	29-Jul	Occupied roof	code is silent	Private decks up to 750 sq ft each permitted; prohibition on common roof deck	Q101.1 #3	XX 101.2 #3	Private decks up to 750 sq ft each permitted; prohibition on common roof deck
	29-Jul	High Rise Prohibition	code is silent; HR not likely for a 6 story building	Yes	Q101.1 #4	XX 101.2 #4	
	7/29/2025, 9/9/2025, 11/24/2025	Dwelling Units per floor	4	4	Q101.1 #5	XX 101.2 #5	Hazard: More Units = Increased Risk. 20 served by Single Exit
	7/29/2025, 11/04/2025	Max Square Foot	no explicit limit	no explicit limit	NA	NA	no explicit limit
	7/29/2025, 11/04/2025	Construction Type	1 hr minimum	Type 1-B, 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A, 4-B, 4-C 4,-HT OK. 5-A (1 hr min)	Q101.1 #6	XX 101.2 #6	Type 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, 3-A, 4-A, 4-B, 4-C, 4-HT or 5-A (1 hr min)

	8/12/2025, 10/7/25	Sprinkler Requirements	NFPA 13, Residential type sprinkler in habitable spaces	NFPA 13	Q101.1 #7	XX 101.2 #7	10/7/25 Motion to allow 13R failed 2-4. Full NFPA 13 system needed fo rbuildings using this appendix.
	9/9/2025, 10/7/25	NFPA 13 Min Standards of Cover			Q101.1 #7	XX 101.2 #7	
	8/12/2025, 10/7/25	Fire Alarm Requirements	per code for R-2	per code for R-2 plus Add'l detection in common areas to activate occupant notification	Q101.1 #8	XX 101.2 #8	Automatic Smoke Detection is required
	8/12/2025, 10/7/25				Q101.1 #8 a	Replaced 10/7/25 with new Number 8, 9, 10	
	8/12/2025, 10/7/25				Q101.1 #8 b	Replaced 10/7/25 with new Number 8, 9, 10	
	8/12/2025, 10/7/25				Q101.1 #8 c	Replaced 10/7/25 with new Number 8, 9, 10	
	8/12/2025, 10/7/25				Q101.1 #8 d	Replaced 10/7/25 with new Number 8, 9, 10	
	12-Aug	Exit Access - Corridor required	Yes (unit doors cannot open directly into interior stair)	Yes (unit doors cannot open directly into interior stair)	Q101.1 #9	XX 101.2 #12	Yes (unit doors cannot open directly into interior stair)
	12-Aug	Exit Access – corridor construction	1 hr (Seattle amendment for R occupancy, any OL)	1/2 hr min	Q101.1 #9	XX 101.2 #12	1/2 hr min
	12-Aug	Exit - rating	per code for # of stories	per code IBC 713.4 for # of stories	per code	per base code	
	12-Aug	Exit – door rating	per code	per code IBC Table 716.2(2)	per code	per base code	
	12-Aug	Exit discharge – opening protection required	required. Seattle amendment to 1029.3	per code, IBC 1029.3	per code	per base code	
	12-Aug	Exit Access - Max Corridor Travel distance	20 ft	20 ft	Q101.1 #10	XX 101.2 #13	20 ft
	7/29/2025, 9/9/2025, 11/04/2025	Exit Access - Travel Distance	125 ft	125 ft	Q101.1 #11	XX 101.2 #14	125 ft
	12-Aug	Exit - Door swing in direction of travel	Yes	Yes	Q101.1 #12	XX 101.2 #15	Yes, regardless of occupant load
	12-Aug	Exit – Pressurization of int exit stair	Yes, Seattle amendments for "low rise" stair pressurization, legally required standby power permitted	Yes, legally required standby power permitted	Q101.1 #12	XX 101.2 #15	Yes, legally required standby power required

	12-Aug	Exit – exterior stair permitted	Yes	Yes	Q101.1 #12	XX 101.2 #15	Allowed
	8/12/2025, 10/7/25	Stairway Width			per code	per base code	Firefighter Response times. Fighters up simultaneous as occupants egress. 10/7 resolved to utilize base code requirements
	12-Aug	Stairway penthouse	per code	per code, IBC 1011.12.2	per code	per base code	
	9-Sep	AMOE – Area of Refuge	per code not required. Sprinkler exception IBC 1009.3.3 Exc #2	per code not required. Sprinkler exception IBC 1009.3.3 Exc #2	per code	per base code	
	9-Sep	AMOE – one must be an elevator	per code, IBC 1009.2.1	per code, IBC 1009.2.1	per code	per base code	
	9-Sep	Emergency Communications		Considered for WSRB rating or equivalent. IFC 510	per IFC 510	per base code	per IFC 510
	12-Aug	Hoistway protection required	Required per code where rated corridors. Natural ventilation OK w/ BO approval	per code IBC 3006.2.1 required where rated corridors. Natural ventilation OK w/ BO approval	Q101.1 #13	XX 101.2 #16	per code 2024 IBC 3006.3 required where rated corridors. Natural ventilation OK w/ BO approval
	12-Aug	Elevator	Prohibited*			XX 101.2 #16	OK With Hoistway protection
	9-Sep	Elevator Car Size: Stretcher vs wheelchair	Per Code	per code	per code	per base code	
	9-Sep	Exiting Through Other Occupancies than R-2				XX 101.2 #17	
	12-Aug	Exit discharge – exit in 2 directions	Yes	Yes	Q101.1 #15	XX 101.2 #18	
	12-Aug	Exit discharge – egress court	Yes	Yes	Q101.1 #15	XX 101.2 #18	
	8/12/2025, 10/7/25	EERO Access to yard	per code	per code, IBC 1031.2	101.1 #19	XX 101.2 #20	Resolved 10/7/25 Required in all Sleeping units
	12-Aug	EERO required	Yes, provide below 4 stories per SBC 1031.2	Yes, all sleeping rooms all stories	Q101.1 #17	XX 101.2 #20	Yes, all sleeping rooms all stories
	12-Aug	Limit Single exits on a property	No more than 2	No more than 2	Q101.1 #18	NA	

	9-Sep	Fire safety prevention and code enforcement		Considered for WSRB rating or equivalent.	NA	NA	
	11/4/2025	Modify 51-50-003					include Appendix XX