

**CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE 2023-1196**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEVENSON, WA AMENDING CHAPTER 15.01  
CONSTRUCTION CODES, SECTION 15.01.030 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS;  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted general requirements for construction inside the city in 2013;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the current International Building Code has changed the wind speed requirements;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend SMC 15.01.030 to protect and preserve public  
health, safety and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Stevenson do hereby ordain as follows:

**Section 1. Section 15.01.030 of the Stevenson Municipal Code Amended.** The chapter of the  
Stevenson Municipal Code entitled "Construction Codes," the section entitled "General  
Requirements-All codes," codified as Stevenson Municipal Code (SMC) Section 15.01.030, is  
hereby amended to read as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference  
incorporated herein:

Key: ~~Strikethrough~~ means repealed. **Bold** means new.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this  
ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the  
validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective following passage and  
publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Stevenson and approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Clerk of the City of Stevenson

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Attorney for the City of Stevenson

**15.01.030 General requirements—All codes.**

The city adopts general requirements for construction inside the city.

- A. To become vested in any current land use regulation by submitting a building permit application, the property owner must submit a complete building permit application as defined above, along with all required completed environmental applications (SEPA, shoreline, critical areas, etc.) and all relevant permit fees.
- B. To meet specific climatic and conditions the council adopts design criteria for the city of Stevenson as follows:

Roof/Grnd Snow Loads	Wind Speed	Seismic design category	weathering	Frost Line Depth	Termites	Decay	Winter Design Temp	Ice Shield Underlay	Air Freeze Index	Mean Annual Temp
50 PSF/@72 PSF	<del>110</del> 135mph @3 sec gust	D-1	Moderate	12"	Slight to moderate	Slight to moderate	25° F	None	172	55° F

- C. Any construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location removal and demolition of a building or structure will require an application for and issuance of a permit prior to start of construction. Accessory commercial buildings less than one hundred twenty square feet not intended to be used as dwelling units are exempt from this permit requirement and accessory residential buildings less than two hundred square feet not intended to be used as dwelling units are exempt from this permit requirement.
- D. Prior to the issuance of a permit for a building intended for use, as a dwelling unit, the applicant must demonstrate that potable water is available.
- E. No permit for a building requiring a septic tank or connection to sewer shall be issued without proof of an approved septic permit or approved connection with a public sewer as provided by SMC Section 13.08.050. If a septic tank is required the applicant must submit plans and specifications approved by the sanitation engineer to the building official.
- F. Persons needing water and/or sewer during construction must apply for a temporary water and/or sewer permit.
  - 1. A person shall not receive public water and sewer services during the period between commencement of new construction and issuance of an occupancy certificate unless a temporary water and sewer permit has been issued to such person.
  - 2. To obtain a temporary water and sewer permit, the applicant shall submit a permit application on a form furnished for that purpose by the city clerk-treasurer.
  - 3. An applicant for a temporary water and/or sewer permit must have a valid building permit.
  - 4. A temporary water and sewer permit shall be effective for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days. To obtain a renewal of the permit, the applicant shall submit another form furnished for that purposed by the city clerk-treasurer.
  - 5. The charge for water and sewer services obtained pursuant to a temporary permit shall be based solely on actual usage.