

Factory Assembled Structures Program (FAS) Modular Buildings & the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code

Important Update – WUI code information is not required on Modular Building plans at this time due to an emergency rule – please see below.

The <u>WA State Building Code Council</u> recently released information regarding an emergency rule pertaining to the 2021 WUI code. Please see the *excerpt* <u>from their website</u> copied below:

Emergency Rule Adopted For 2021 Wildland-Urban Interface Code

During the 2024 Legislative Session <u>ESB 6120</u> was passed and signed by the governor. The effect of this legislation prevents the SBCC from adopting a Wild-land Urban Interface Code until new mapping is completed by the Department of Natural Resources. Local jurisdictions are still allowed to adopt the Model Wildland-Urban Interface Code

On March 15, the Council filed an emergency rule for the 2021 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code. The Emergency rule removes all amendment language from WAC 51-55 until new mapping and amendments can be developed. The emergency rule is now in effect. See the following link to view the emergency filing.

https://www.sbcc.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/WSR24-07-060_OTS-5271.1_Combined_03152024.pdf

If you have already submitted plans directly to L&I FAS, or other approved licensed professionals under <u>WAC 296-150F-0420</u>, for review and you wish to revise those plans due to the removal of the WUI requirement please:

- Contact your licensed design professional/firm for their addendum process if you submitted to them for outside approval,
- Contact FAS1@LNI.WA.gov if you submitted directly to L&I FAS for approval

We will also be updating our website and plan review & submittal guidelines as quickly as possible to reflect this very recent change. In the interim, you may disregard any information regarding WUI requirements related to FAS modular buildings.

Thank you,

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