



# Planning & Development Services

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## Notice of Availability

*including written comment period and public hearing*

### Proposal Information

**Publish date:** May 25, 2023

**Proposal name:** 2023 Building Code Updates

**Documents available:** [www.skagitcounty.net/2023BuildingCode](http://www.skagitcounty.net/2023BuildingCode)

**Lead Agency:** Skagit County Planning & Development Services

**Contact Person:** Randy Johnson, Building Official

**Public hearing body:** Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

**Public hearing date:** June 12, 2023 at 10:45 a.m.

**Written comment  
deadline:** June 15, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

### Proposal Description

The new Washington State Building Code will be effective on July 1, 2023. The Washington State Building Code and Skagit County Building Code standards are updated every three years to ensure use of the latest safety measures and to allow use of current and available construction practices across the industry. Cities and counties may modify the building codes, except for the technical requirements of the International Residential Code. This proposed ordinance would amend Skagit County Code (SCC) Title 15 to reference the 2021 editions of the International Codes instead of the 2018 editions and proposes amendments to provide clearer direction for owners and applicants.

### How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us) with the proposal name ("2023 Building Code Updates") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services  
Comments on "2023 Building Code Updates"  
1800 Continental Place  
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All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above, and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. If you wish to provide verbal testimony, please send an email to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us), with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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