



City of Lake Stevens – Request for Fire Code Modification

The City of Lake Stevens Municipal Code and the International Fire Code states the Fire Marshal may grant modifications to provisions of the Fire Code upon application by the owner or owner's agent, provided the spirit and intent of the Fire Code are observed and public health, welfare, and safety are assured.

Lake Stevens Fire Division of Community Risk Reduction recognizes that there must be a mechanism within the code that allows the authority having jurisdiction to accept alternatives, as long as they provide an equivalent level of safety. The Division of Community Risk Reduction does not permit waivers or variances. A waiver or variance is permission to not comply with some code requirements. A modification is an equivalency which allows the use of other alternatives to meet the level of safety intended by the code.

Sufficient technical data must be submitted to substantiate the proposed use of any alternative. The technical data shall consist of three parts. The first item must be the applicable code requirement for which an equivalency is being sought. The second item must include the reasons the code requirement cannot be met. The third item in the documentation must include a detailed analysis of how the proposed alternative meets the level of safety intended by the code. It is important that the analysis demonstrate the equivalency, not just state that it is equivalent. Incomplete requests will not be considered.

Fire protection or safety features provided in the facility, in excess of the minimum code requirements, may also affect the equivalency. It is important to consider that fire safety usually consists of a system of protection, not just a set of independent features. When considering accepting an equivalency, the Fire Marshal will take into account how the specific item being evaluated affects the entire fire safety system of the building. Such items or combination of items as additional fire walls, installation of non-required fire suppression or fire alarm and detection systems, standpipes, additional fire hydrants and other fire protection systems will affect equivalency considerations.

If it is determined that the evidence presented is satisfactory proof of performance for the use intended, the Fire Marshal may approve the use of such alternative, subject to the requirements of the Division of Community Risk Reduction. The Fire Marshal may require and consider a statement from a professional engineer, architect or other competent person, as to the equivalency of the proposed modification.

As required by the City of Lake Stevens Municipal Code, the application for modification and the final decision of the Fire Marshal shall be in writing, and will be recorded in the permanent records of the City of Lake Stevens. The second page of this form has an application that shall be used to request a fire code modification.

Request for fire code modification applications may be mailed, faxed, emailed or hand delivered to:

Lake Stevens Fire
Attn: Fire Marshal
1825 South Lake Stevens Road
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Phone: (425) 334-3034
Fax: (425) 334-6981
Email: fireprevention@lsfire.org



Request for Fire Code Modification Application



Business or Project Name:				
Address:				
		Street	City	State Zip
Owner or Property Manager Name:		Phone:		
Address:				
		Street	City	State Zip
Applicant Name:		Phone:		
Address:				
		Street	City	State Zip
Primary Contact Person:		Phone:		
Permit #		Email:		
This Occupancy or Project is:	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
		Date Built or Code Year		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if a Modification Request to the International Building Code or Engineering Design & Development Standards is being submitted to the City of Lake Stevens.				
List the fire code requirement(s) for which a modification is being requested:				
Describe the reasons the fire code requirements cannot be met:				
Describe the proposed modification and how the request meets the intent of the fire code and maintains an equivalent level of safety:				

*Attached Additional Documentation as Needed

Print Name

Signature

Date

Fire Marshal Signature

Approved **Denied**

Date