

WHAT'S NEW?

The Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUI) will no longer be adopted by the State Building Code Council (SBCC); an emergency rule for this action is set to be adopted by the SBCC at their Council Meeting on March 15, 2024.

The reason for this change was a bi-partisan bill ESB 6120 Final passage of the bill in question was February 29th, and the bill was sent to the Governor's office for signature on March 8th.

Because the bill requires new mapping to be created by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR is now required to produce maps based on hazard and risk in cooperation with local jurisdictions. These maps have no specific timeframe in which to be completed; however, the consensus is it will take at least a year and half. Based on the legislation, upon completion of those maps local jurisdictions will have an additional six months to adopt something at their local level and they will also have the ability to modify the maps through ongoing cooperation and coordination with jurisdictions throughout Washington State.

If you have questions, please contact the Community Development Department as follows:

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