



Code Amendment Proposal Application

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Read the entire code amendment proposal application before completing this form. Please complete all parts before submitting your proposal and refer to the provided checklist.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Date:	
Representing (if applicable):	Work phone:	
Mailing address:	Cell phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Email address:		

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Specialty code:
Code section(s):
Briefly explain the subject of your proposal:

INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST

Fill in all the information above and submit this page, signed and dated, with the required supplementary information for Parts I, II, III, and IV described on page 2 of this application. This application may be submitted by mail to the mailing address above, or by email to BCD.PTSPtech@oregon.gov.

Summary checklist for the applicant:

- Part I** Code amendment language is attached in the proper format.
- Part II** Amendment proposal requirements for amending the code have been reviewed.
- Part III** Amendment proposal criteria questions have been answered and are attached.
- Part IV** If applicable, additional ORSC energy efficiency amendment proposal information is attached.

Note: One application is required for each code section you are proposing to amend. If this proposal requires changes in other sections of the code for alignment, include those changes as part of this application.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Signature: *Wayne Parker* Date:

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2023 ORSC Code Change R105.1.1

R105.1.1 New spaces. The creation of new habitable spaces, new toilet rooms, or new bathrooms shall require a building *permit*.

Exception:

Expansion of existing habitable space that meets the requirements of R105.2, within the conditioned envelope and where no fire resistant walls are altered, shall not require a structural permit.

Questionnaire for 2023 ORSC Code Change R105.1.1

Proposal

1. Describe the concept and purpose of this proposal.

To eliminate the requirement for permit and/or plan review and to clarify when a permit is not required. The addition of bathrooms to the required permits has created layers of red tape for permits that really do not receive any significant benefit from the process.

2. What problem in the existing Oregon code or national model code is this proposal solving? How does this amendment address the issue? If you have evidence demonstrating the problem, submit that information.

The code change from last code cycle to include new bathrooms into the requirement for structural permits has caused the requirement for permit for reconfiguring a bathroom such as moving the toilet and sink or shower in the given space. If someone is removing a nonbearing wall adjacent to a bathroom to the bathroom into the closet, then that is being viewed as a new bathroom and triggering a permit. There is not a benefit in most cases for these reviews and in some cases a permit.

3. Has this been proposed at the national model code level. If so, explain when it was proposed, what happened, and why it was not adopted. Provide all associated national model code hearing information and background.

Not sure if this has been proposed at the national level.

Implementation and fiscal impact

1. Explain how the proposed provisions would be enforced? Are additional inspections or permits required? Describe any necessary equipment, training, tests or special certifications.

It would be enforced through the current inspection process. No additional inspections, equipment, tests, training, or special certifications would be required.

2. What is the fiscal impact of this proposal? Provide a cost benefit analysis and include the resources or methods you used to determine the fiscal impact.

Reduced timelines for construction projects having to wait for review and approval.

Impacted stakeholders and other specialty codes

1. It is important that proposals be shared with stakeholders that will be impacted by them. Was this proposal developed with people or organizations likely to be affected by it? Has it been reviewed or shared with people or organizations likely to be affected by it? If so, who, and if not, why not?

This was not shared. Ran out of time to get feed back prior to submittal.

2. Does this proposal impact other specialty codes or statewide programs?