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2015 International Energy Conservation Code, as amended by WAC 51-11 (IECC)
Effective July 1, 2016.

*Ventilation code provisions are located in the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC),
2015 International Mechanical Code (IMC), & 2015 International Building Code*

A complete energy code application form will include information that clearly identifies compliance methods for heat sizing, thermal envelope, and whole-house ventilation. This form includes compliance instructions and information needed. Energy code compliance information, forms, worksheets, and educational information is also available on the Washington State University Extension Energy Program (WSU-EP) website. To access the website go to <http://www.energy.wsu.edu/BuildingEfficiency/EnergyCode.aspx>.

The website includes a heat system sizing calculator. Submit a completed heat sizing calculator worksheet when the building permit is submitted. In addition to the heat sizing calculator the website has helpful compliance information and worksheets for prescriptive and component performance options along with a glazing schedule.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the Mason County Energy Code application and submit with a heat sizing calculator available on the WSU-EP website, see item # 4 below:

- 1 Identify the compliance method. The most common and simplest approach is the prescriptive method for energy code compliance. See prescriptive table R402.1.1 located in the instructions. The Performance Alternative approach referenced in IECC Section R405 may also be used for energy code compliance. For more information contact Mason County Building Department staff at (360) 427-9670 ext. 352 or WSU Energy Program at (360) 956-2042. Compliance must be shown on your construction drawing in addition to this application.
- 2 Identify the whole-house ventilation compliance method. A ventilation system must be installed in accordance with The International Residential Code, Section M1507. The most common ventilation methods include a whole-house ventilation system using exhaust fans (M1507.3.4) and a whole-house ventilation system integrated with a forced-air system (M1507.3.5). Other ventilation systems include whole-house ventilation system using a supply fan (M1507.3.6) and whole-house ventilation system using a heat-recovery ventilation system (M1507.3.7). Ventilation openings are required in each habitable room in accordance with M1507.3.4.4. If you need additional information we recommend that you discuss with your heating and ventilation system professional. In addition Mason County staff will be happy to discuss the options if you are not sure which compliance option will work for you.
- 3 Identify the Additional Energy Efficiency Requirements listed in Table R406.2. The drawings included with the building permit application must show and identify which options have been selected and the point value of each option. Each one and two-family dwelling unit and townhouses are required to achieve the following minimum number of credits:
 - a) Small dwelling units: less than 1500 sq. feet of heated or cooled floor area and less than 300 sq. ft fenestration area (skylights, doors, windows, etc). Additions to existing building that are greater than 500 sq. ft. of heated floor but less than 1500 sq ft of area. **Requires 1.5 credits**
 - b) Medium dwelling units that are not included in (a) above {small dwelling}, **OR** (c) below {large dwelling} **Requires 3.5 credits**

*EXCEPTION: Dwelling units serving R-2 occupancies shall require. **Requires 2.5 credits.***

(R-2 occupancy is Residential occupancies containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature, including:

Apartment houses, Boarding houses (non-transient) with more than 16 occupants, Congregate living facilities (non-transient) with more than 16 occupants, Convents, Dormitories, Fraternities and sororities, Hotels (non-transient), Live/work units, Monasteries, Motels (non-transient), Vacation timeshare properties.)

- c) Large dwelling unit is a dwelling unit that exceeds 5,000 sq. ft. of heated or cooled floor area. **Requires 4.5 credits.**
 - d) Additions less than 500 sq feet. **Requires .5 credits**
- 4 Must provide a completed heating/cooling system size worksheet to verify compliance to IECC R403.7. The calculator/worksheet is available on the WSU-Energy Program website at: http://www.energy.wsu.edu/Documents/Heat_Sizing_code%20specs_final_2015.xls. Staff may be able to assist with preparation of the worksheet.
 - 5 Must meet the prescriptive option for all fenestration products. Products shall comply with the required U-factor listed in Table R402.1.3. Windows, doors, and glazed doors shall have a tested U-factor or .30 or less. When using the small dwelling option for energy credits (a) or Performance Alternative approach you must provide a fenestration schedule that identifies the square feet and U-factor of each item. *Fenestration is defined in the IECC as skylights, roof windows, vertical windows, opaque doors, glazed doors that include products with glass and non-glass glazing materials.*
 - 6 Identify on the construction drawings the location and fuel type of the heating system, water heater, location of exhaust fans (bathroom, laundry, kitchen, etc.) and R-factor of proposed insulation for walls, floors, ceilings, and concrete slab floors on the building plans.
 - 7 Not less than 75% of all permanently installed lamps in lighting fixtures shall be high efficacy lamps. High efficacy lamps are defined in IECC Chapter 2 and are considered compact fluorescent lamps, T-8 or smaller diameter linear fluorescent lamps, or lamps with a minimum efficacy 60 lumens per watt for lamps over 40 watts, 50 lumens per watt for lamps over 15 watts to 40 watts, and 40 lumens per watt for lamps 15 watts or less.

If you need assistance please contact Mason County Community Development at (360) 427-9670 ext. 352 or WSEC compliance information and code text is also available on the WSU-Energy Program website at: <http://www.energy.wsu.edu/BuildingEfficiency/EnergyCode.aspx>

**Prescriptive Requirements ^{0,1} for Mason County
Climate Zone 4-C, Table R402.1.1**

Option	Glazing Area % of Floor	Fenestration U-factor		Ceiling	Vaulted Ceiling ⁱ	Wall Above Grade	Wall int ^{c,n} below grade	Floor	Slab ^d on Grade
		Vertical (Includes doors, windows, etc.)	Skylight ^b						
4C	Unlimited	.30	.50	R-49	R-38	R-21 int ^{k,l}	10/15/21 int + TB	R-30	R-10, 2 ft Heated slabs require R10 full slab.

ⁿ Log & solid timber wall with a min. avg. thickness of 3.5" are exempt from the above grade wall insulation requirements. All footnotes are available on WSU-Energy Program Website @ <http://www.energy.wsu.edu/BuildingEfficiency/EnergyCode.aspx>

MASON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
WSEC/ Ventilation Code Compliance Application
Submit with heating/cooling system size worksheet (see instructions #4)

Owner:		Parcel#:		Type of project:	
Total Sq. Ft. of heated area: :		1 st Floor :		2 nd floor:	
				Heated Basement:	
Heating System Type: <input type="radio"/> Electric wall heater <input type="radio"/> Electric Central Furnace <input type="radio"/> LPG Furnace <input type="radio"/> Heat Pump with electric furnace <input type="radio"/> Heat pump with gas furnace <input type="radio"/> Ductless Heat Pump <input type="radio"/> Boiler, specify fuel type: _____ <input type="radio"/> Other: Specify: _____					
Compliance Method <i>Must Check one::</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptive Option Table R402.1.1 (see table on previous page)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Component Performance, R402.1.3 – <i>Calculation worksheets required</i>			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____			
<i>Check one</i> Ventilation System		<input type="checkbox"/> Whole House Ventilation system using exhaust fans & window or wall fresh air vents (M1507.3.4). <u>If using window vents be sure to order windows with vents.</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Whole House Ventilation Integrated with a Forced Air System (M1507.3.5)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe: _____ _____			
Additional Energy Efficiency Requirements <i>Energy credits required:</i> _____		Referencing Table R406.2, "Additional Residential Energy Efficiency Requirements," all residential units must develop credits as specified in Table 406.2. Identify and describe which option(s) will be used to comply. If the table is not attached to this form you can access the table on our website at: http://www.co.mason.wa.us/forms/Community_Dev/iecc_wsec.pdf a) Description: Small dwelling units: less than 1,500 sq. feet of heated or cooled floor area <u>and</u> less than 300 sq. ft fenestration area (skylights, doors, windows, etc). *Including additions to existing building that are greater than 500 sq. ft. of heated floor but less than 1,500 sq ft of floor area. Requires 1.5 credits b) Medium dwelling units that are not included in (a) above {small dwelling}, OR (c) below {large dwelling} Requires 3.5 credits EXCEPTION: Dwelling units serving R-2 occupancies shall require. Requires 2.5 credits. See page two for description. c) Large dwelling unit is a dwelling unit that exceeds 5,000 sq. ft. of heated or cooled floor area. Requires 4.5 credits d) Additions less than 500 sq feet. Requires .5 credits <i>(Fenestration is defined in the IECC as skylights, roof windows, vertical windows, opaque doors, glazed-doors that include products with glass and non-glass glazing materials.)</i>			
Using Option number(s): _____		Describe Energy Credit Option(s): _____			

(2015 WSEC ~ Table 406.2)

OPTION	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT(S)
1a	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1a: Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications: Vertical fenestration U = 0.28 Floor R-38 Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab or Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 5%.	0.5
1b	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1b: Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications: Vertical fenestration U = 0.25 Wall R-21 plus R-4 Floor R-38 Basement wall R-21 int plus R-5 ci Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab or Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 15%.	1.0
1c	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1c: Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications: Vertical fenestration U = 0.22 Ceiling and single-rafter or joist-vaulted R-49 advanced Wood frame wall R-21 int plus R-12 ci Floor R-38 Basement wall R-21 int plus R-12 ci Slab on grade R-10 perimeter and under entire slab Below grade slab R-10 perimeter and under entire slab or Compliance based on Section R402.1.4: Reduce the Total UA by 30%.	2.0
1d ^a	EFFICIENT BUILDING ENVELOPE 1d: Prescriptive compliance is based on Table R402.1.1 with the following modifications: Vertical fenestration U = 0.24	0.5
2a	AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2a: Compliance based on R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 3.0 air changes per hour maximum and All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the <i>International Residential Code</i> shall be met with a high efficiency fan (maximum 0.35 watts/cfm), not interlocked with the furnace fan. Ventilation systems using a furnace including an ECM motor are allowed, provided that they are controlled to operate at low speed in ventilation only mode. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the qualifying ventilation system.	0.5
2b	AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2b: Compliance based on Section R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 2.0 air changes per hour maximum and All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the <i>International Residential Code</i> shall be met with a heat recovery ventilation system with minimum sensible heat recovery efficiency of 0.70. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the heat recovery ventilation system.	1.0

OPTION	DESCRIPTION	CREDIT(S)
2c	<p>AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION 2c: Compliance based on Section R402.4.1.2: Reduce the tested air leakage to 1.5 air changes per hour maximum and All whole house ventilation requirements as determined by Section M1507.3 of the <i>International Residential Code</i> shall be met with a heat recovery ventilation system with minimum sensible heat recovery efficiency of 0.85. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum tested building air leakage and shall show the heat recovery ventilation system.</p>	1.5
3a ^b	<p>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3a: Gas, propane or oil-fired furnace with minimum AFUE of 94%, or Gas, propane or oiled-fired boiler with minimum AFUE of 92% To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0
3b ^b	<p>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3b: Air-source heat pump with minimum HSPF of 9.0 To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0
3c ^b	<p>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3c: Closed-loop ground source heat pump; with a minimum COP of 3.3 or Open loop water source heat pump with a maximum pumping hydraulic head of 150 feet and minimum COP of 3.6 To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.5
3d ^b	<p>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT 3d: Ductless Split System Heat Pumps, Zonal Control: In homes where the primary space heating system is zonal electric heating, a ductless heat pump system shall be installed and provide heating to the largest zone of the housing unit. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.</p>	1.0
4	<p>HIGH EFFICIENCY HVAC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM: All heating and cooling system components installed inside the conditioned space. This includes all equipment and distribution system components such as forced air ducts, hydronic piping, hydronic floor heating loop, convectors and radiators. All combustion equipment shall be direct vent or sealed combustion. For forced air ducts: A maximum of 10 linear feet of return ducts and 5 linear feet of supply ducts may be located outside the conditioned space. All metallic ducts located outside the conditioned space must have both transverse and longitudinal joints sealed with mastic. If flex ducts are used, they cannot contain splices. Flex duct connections must be made with nylon straps and installed using a plastic strapping tensioning tool. Ducts located outside the conditioned space must be insulated to a minimum of R-8. Locating system components in conditioned crawl spaces is not permitted under this option. Electric resistance heat and ductless heat pumps are not permitted under this option. Direct combustion heating equipment with AFUE less than 80% is not permitted under this option. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the heating equipment type and shall show the location of the heating and cooling equipment and all the ductwork.</p>	1.0

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5a	EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5a: All showerhead and kitchen sink faucets installed in the house shall be rated at 1.75 GPM or less. All other lavatory faucets shall be rated at 1.0 GPM or less. ^c To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the maximum flow rates for all showerheads, kitchen sink faucets, and other lavatory faucets.	0.5
5b	EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5b: Water heating system shall include one of the following: Gas, propane or oil water heater with a minimum EF of 0.74 or Water heater heated by ground source heat pump meeting the requirements of Option 3c. or For R-2 occupancy, a central heat pump water heater with an EF greater than 2.0 that would supply DHW to all the units through a central water loop insulated with R-8 minimum pipe insulation. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the water heater equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency.	1.0
5c	EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5c: Water heating system shall include one of the following: Gas, propane or oil water heater with a minimum EF of 0.91 or Solar water heating supplementing a minimum standard water heater. Solar water heating will provide a rated minimum savings of 85 therms or 2000 kWh based on the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) Annual Performance of OG-300 Certified Solar Water Heating Systems or Electric heat pump water heater with a minimum EF of 2.0 and meeting the standards of NEEA's Northern Climate Specifications for Heat Pump Water Heaters To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall specify the water heater equipment type and the minimum equipment efficiency and, for solar water heating systems, the calculation of the minimum energy savings.	1.5
5d	EFFICIENT WATER HEATING 5d: A drain water heat recovery unit(s) shall be installed, which captures waste water heat from all the showers, and has a minimum efficiency of 40% if installed for equal flow or a minimum efficiency of 52% if installed for unequal flow. Such units shall be rated in accordance CSA B55.1 and be so labeled. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall include a plumbing diagram that specified the drain water heat recovery units and the plumbing layout needed to install it and labels or other documentation shall be provided that demonstrates that the unit complies with the standard.	0.5
6	RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY: For each 1200 kWh of electrical generation per each housing unit provided annually by on-site wind or solar equipment a 0.5 credit shall be allowed, up to 3 credits. Generation shall be calculated as follows: For solar electric systems, the design shall be demonstrated to meet this requirement using the National Renewable Energy Laboratory calculator PVWATTS. Documentation noting solar access shall be included on the plans. For wind generation projects designs shall document annual power generation based on the following factors: The wind turbine power curve; average annual wind speed at the site; frequency distribution of the wind speed at the site and height of the tower. To qualify to claim this credit, the building permit drawings shall specify the option being selected and shall show the photovoltaic or wind turbine equipment type, Provide documentation of solar and wind access, and include a calculation of the minimum annual energy power production.	0.5

a. Projects using this option may not use Option 1a, 1b or 1c.

b. Projects may only include credit from one space heating option, 3a, 3b, 3c or 3d. When a housing unit has two pieces of equipment (i.e., two furnaces) both must meet the standard to receive the credit.

c. **Plumbing Fixtures Flow Ratings. Low flow plumbing fixtures (water closets and urinals) and fittings (faucets and showerheads) shall comply with the following requirements:**

1. Residential bathroom lavatory sink faucets: Maximum flow rate - 3.8 L/min (1.0 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1.

2. Residential kitchen faucets: Maximum flow rate - 6.6 L/min (1.75 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1.

3. Residential showerheads: Maximum flow rate - 6.6 L/min (1.75 gal/min) when tested in accordance with ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1