



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

January 18, 2021

Kurt Aldworth, President
Washington Association of Building Officials
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Dear Mr. Aldworth:

On January 12, 2021, the Governor's Office received the petition you filed seeking the immediate repeal of the Washington State Building Code Council's (Council) January 8, 2021, adoption of emergency rules relating to the delayed implementation of its 2018 codes to July 1, 2021 (WSR 21-03-047). These emergency rules delay implementation of the International Fire Code (WAC 51-54A-008), International Residential Code (WAC 51-51-008), International Mechanical Code (WAC 51-52-008), International Building Code (WAC 51-50-008), and the Uniform Plumbing Code (WAC 51-56-008) (collectively, "codes").

Under RCW 34.05.350(3), I may consider petitions requesting the immediate repeal of rules adopted on an emergency basis. In this review, I may only consider whether the emergency rules were necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and whether observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of permanent rules would be contrary to the public interest. Here, I find that the Council erred in adopting these rules because the public health, safety, or general welfare did not necessitate their emergency adoption.

In turn, pursuant to RCW 34.05.350, I am ordering the Council to immediately repeal its emergency rules delaying implementation of the 2018 codes to July 1, 2021.

Sincerely,



Jay Inslee
Governor