



Washington Association of Building Officials

Application to Represent WABO on State Building Code Council (SBCC) Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Application Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Technical Advisory Group (TAGS)

___ Building Code

___ Fire Code

___ Residential Code

___ Plumbing Code

___ Mechanical / Ventilation Code

___ Energy Code

I am applying for the position on the TAG indicated above and understand there is a time commitment involved in serving WABO membership in this capacity. I understand that I will be expected to attend all TAG meetings and report to the WABO membership on the issues discussed at the meetings.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

WABO Appointment to SBCC TAGS

Thank you for your interest in serving as a WABO representative on the Washington State Building Code Council Technical Advisory Group (TAG). This is an important commitment to your colleagues across the state. WABO recognizes the time and monetary cost of your participation in attending the meetings. For your service, you will be reimbursed your travel costs at the federal per diem rate and meals at the federal per diem rate:

In order to assist you in determining positions on code issues, you are asked to attend the WABO Technical Code Development Committee meetings (in person or via teleconference). In addition, you will be asked to report to the committee after the TAG meetings so the membership can be informed of the ongoing issues heard at the TAG meetings.

Thank you again for providing your expertise on behalf of the members of the Washington Association of Building Officials.

For your further information, here is the outline of the SBCC code process.

Reviewing the Code

Every three years new model codes are published. The Council, with the assistance of their Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs), reviews and adopts the new code editions. In addition, the TAGs also review all changes proposed to these new editions, or to the pre-existing state amendments. The codes are divided into two groups, with a 12 to 16 month review period. The TAG review includes 10-14 meetings of the TAG over an eight to nine month period. Updated codes go into effect two years after the publication date. Timeframes for submission of proposed statewide amendments, review and adoption are established by the Council after new model code editions are available to the public. All proposed statewide amendments need to be submitted in writing, on the form provided by the SBCC.

The adoption period of new model codes begins with the availability of the new editions every three years and ends with formal adoption of the building code as amended by the Council. The code and amendments cannot take effect until they sit through a legislative session.

The TAGS review the proposed statewide amendments, as well as any changes in the new editions of the model codes. They report their findings and recommendations to the Council. Proposed statewide amendments recommended for public hearing as authorized by the Council are filed with the Code Reviser and published in the Washington State Register. This filing includes a summary of the proposed rules, the complete text of the proposed changes, public hearing dates and locations, and any economic impact statements required by law.

Public hearings are typically held in September and/or October in both Eastern and Western Washington. After the public hearings, the Council holds a work session to review testimony and receive clarification on any issue as they feel necessary. The Council must make the final decision on adoption by December 1. All state amendments to the codes must receive a majority of eight votes of the Council to be adopted. The amendments cannot take effect before the end of the regular legislative session in the next year. Typically, the Council uses a July 1 effective date for new codes.

Technical Advisory Groups

The Council periodically initiates a process for review of code amendment proposals and new code requirements. The TAGs are a key part of the review process. The Council appoints experts and interest group representatives to serve on the TAGs to assist the Council by providing detailed information on state building code changes and other issues. All meetings are open to the public and active participation is encouraged.

The purpose of TAGs is:

- To review code change proposals as requested by the Council or Standing Committee, including proposed statewide amendments and national code changes.
- To provide information to the Council or Standing Committee.
- To identify proposed changes that may have an economic impact on small businesses, housing affordability, construction costs, life-cycle costs, or the cost of code enforcement, to be reported to the Economic Assessment Committee.
- To conduct research into other code related matters as requested by the Council or Standing Committee.