



Application for Proposed Code Amendment

Department of Consumer & Business Services

Building Codes Division

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Application no.:

Approved

Denied

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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PROPOSED CODE LANGUAGE

This proposed code amendment (check one):

Amends (code, edition, section): _____

Adopts a new section (code, edition): _____

Repeals (code, edition, section): **2008 ORSC (2006 IRC) Section R613.2 Window sills**

You must provide language for review by the division. Failure to provide language will invalidate the application.

Please use the following format to show additions and deletions from the code — strike through ~~deleted text~~, underline and bold **new text**.

Proposed language:

Delete text in **Section R613.2 Window Sills** in its entirety.

R613.2 Window sills. ~~In dwelling units, where the opening of an operable window is located more than 72 inches (1829 mm) above the finished grade or other surface below, the lowest part of the clear opening of the window shall be a minimum of 24 inches (610 mm) above the finished floor surface of the room in which the window is located. Glazing between the floor and a height of 24 inches (610 mm) shall be fixed or have openings such that a 4 inch (102 mm) diameter sphere cannot pass through.~~

Exceptions

- ~~1. Windows whose opening will not allow a 4 inch diameter (102mm) sphere to pass through the opening when the opening is in its largest opened position.~~
- ~~2. Openings that are provided with window guards that comply with ASTM 2006 or F 2090.~~

Reason: The Oregon Home Builders Association has concerns about enforcement and compliance with the requirements of this section. Normally, compliance would be determined at the time of the framing inspection so as to determine if the size of the window needs to be modified. The final grade has not been established at this time which usually does not occur until the completion of the structure. Often the final floor finish height will change between the time of the rough framing and the finished floor is installed.



APPLICATION CRITERIA

Attach to this application written responses to the following questions. If a question does not apply to your proposed code amendment, explain why the question does not apply. Use additional sheets if necessary. The division may reject an incomplete application.

Questions:

1. Is your proposed code amendment necessary to correct any unforeseen or probable outcomes resulting from the application of a code section, and if so, why? **No.**
2. Is your proposed code amendment needed to protect the health, safety, welfare, comfort, and security of occupants and the public, and if so, why? **No.**
3. Does your proposed code amendment correct inadequate application by a code section to a method, material, or design, and if so, how? **Yes. The proposal eliminates a new requirement that will be difficult to enforce and be complied with.**
4. Is your proposed code amendment necessary to correct unique geographic or climatic conditions within Oregon, and if so, why? **No**
5. Is your proposed code amendment needed to eliminate conflicting, obsolete, or duplicative code provisions or standards among Oregon-adopted codes, statutes, or regulations, and if so, why? **No.**
6. Does your proposed code amendment work to conserve scarce resources, and if so, how? **No.**
7. Does your proposed code amendment provide for the use of unique or emerging technologies or promote advances in construction methods, devices, materials, and techniques, and if so, how? **No.**
8. Does your proposed code amendment meet any energy conservation or indoor air quality requirements, and if so, how? **No.**
9. Does your proposed code amendment involve the adoption of an electrical or plumbing building product? If an electrical or plumbing building product is involved, note if the appropriate board approved the product. **No.**
10. Does your proposed code amendment create any adverse fiscal impact or cost savings for the general public, the construction industry, local and state governments, or small businesses? If so, please describe the added or reduced cost of the proposed code amendment, the adverse fiscal impact or cost savings in relation to the current Oregon specialty code, and any standards of measure used to arrive at the result given. **No. However, if this proposal is not approved, additional enforcement and compliance costs will occur.**
11. If your proposed code amendment relates to the development of a 6,000-square-foot parcel and the construction of a 1,200-square-foot detached single-family dwelling on that parcel, please provide information to assist the division in preparing a housing cost impact statement. **Not Applicable.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Signature: s/ Patrick Bridges

Date: **3/22/07**

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AFTER SUBMITTAL

The Building Codes Division screens proposed amendments to determine whether they meet the requirements of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 918-008-0060. Proposed code amendments that do not substantially meet the requirements of OAR 918-008-0060 will be returned to the applicant, with specific reasons included in the returned application.

Completed proposed code amendments submitted to the division before the end of the timetable established under OAR 918-008-0020 will be forwarded to the appropriate advisory board for review. Proposed code amendments that are not completed before the end of the timetable will not be forwarded to the appropriate advisory board for review.

Proposed code amendments completed but not submitted to the division before the end of the timetable may be submitted as completed applications for consideration during the next opportunity given to make amendments to the state building code.

Note: The division is not obligated to examine a proposed code amendment submitted after the end of the timetable.