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Water Availability Verification

Code References

- Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.27.097
- International Fire Code (IFC) section 507
- Lakewood Municipal Code (LMC) title 15.05.080. II

Water Availability

Applications for building permits that require potable water shall provide evidence of an adequate water supply for the intended use of the building. In accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.27.097. Such evidence may be provided in the form of a:

- Water right permit from the Department of Ecology;
- Letter from an approved water purveyor stating the ability to provide water;
- Another form sufficient to verify the existence of an adequate water supply.

The third bullet leaves the authority over what form verification will be accepted by the City of Lakewood. The following is Planning and Public Works (PPW) official list of what forms will be accepted to satisfy the requirements of RCW 19.27.097 as verification of water availability:

Single Family Residence (SFR) Major/Minor remodel

- Current water bill
- Water availability letter

New Residential (SFR, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU))

- Water availability letter

SFR Replacement

- Current water bill
- Water availability letter

Commercial Tenant Improvement (TI)

- Current water bill (no change or expansion of use)
- Water availability letter

New Commercial

- Water availability letter

If fire flow is required for your project, additional forms may be required to verify your water supply is capable of providing fire flow for fire protection is in accordance with International Fire Code (IFC) section 507, and Lakewood Municipal Code (LMC) title 15.05.080. II.