

Department of Community and Economic Development
Planning Division
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY/CODE INTERPRETATION

**ADMINISTRATIVE
POLICY/CODE**

INTERPRETATION #: CI-69

MUNICIPAL

CODE SECTIONS: 4-4-040.B.4.a

REFERENCE: International Building Code (IBC)

SUBJECT: Fence Height Requiring Building Permit

BACKGROUND: RMC 4-4-040 was amended in 2014. A provision requiring a building permit for a fence taller than six feet was added to the Section to create a purposeful redundancy between the IBC and Title IV.

JUSTIFICATION: The IBC requires a building permit for any fence taller than seven feet.

DECISION: This requirement should be based on the International Building Code (IBC) and therefore a building permit is required for any fence taller than seven feet.

**ADMINISTRATOR
APPROVAL:**

C. E. "Chip" Vincent

DATE: March 19, 2015

**APPEAL
PROCESS:**

To appeal this determination, a written appeal--accompanied by the required filing fee--must be filed with the City's Hearing Examiner (1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057, 425-430-6515) no more than 14 days from the date of this decision. Your submittal should explain the basis for the appeal. Section 4-8-110 of the Renton Municipal Code provides further information on the appeal process.

**CODE
AMENDMENTS
NEEDED TO
IMPLEMENT**

DETERMINATIONS: **Fences:** A fence taller than ~~seven~~ six feet (~~7'6"~~) shall require a building permit or an ~~explicit written~~ exemption from the Building Official.

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