

PHSKC Plumbing & Gas Piping Newsletter Archive Registry

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Notes about the newsletter archive:

1. Special announcements that have expired or are otherwise no longer valid (hiring announcements, survey invitations, etc.) may be periodically removed from this registry.
2. Newsletter articles are provided as a courtesy to the public and are meant to reflect information currently available at the time the article was written. Due to the dynamic nature of Codes, regulations, and the construction industry in general, some of the information contained within past articles may be outdated. Please check with PHSKC directly for current guidelines and enforcement information.

| Date Published | Topics |
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| 9/18/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring announcement: New plan reviewer • Re-pipe projects procedure and documentation • Installing an indirect receptor in a base cabinet • 'Schedule A' updated & example plans |
| 8/21/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Seattle Codes effective date • Newsletter archive • Grease interceptor installation requirements • The applicability of NSF 61 |
| 6/13/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring announcement: Plumbing Plans Examiner • Plumbing Fixture List Subcommittee • Policy Advisory Committee • Contacting the Plan Review team • Requesting inspections – estimated timeframes are only estimates • Example Plans coming soon |
| 6/5/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring Announcement: Plumbing Plans Examiner |
| 5/22/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Seattle Construction Codes Delayed • Development of WA State ONWS Rules Postponed • Revised Process for Out-of-Portal Plan Submittals • New Product Listing Requirements in 2021 Codes • Design Considerations for Instantaneous (Tankless) Water Heaters |
| 4/30/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postponement of Enforcement for 3rd Party Listings on Fabricated SS Fittings |
| 4/17/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Event: Basic Plumbing Design • Reminder to Sign Up for Plumbing Fixture List Input Surveys • Links to Commonly Used Documents • Grease Interceptors and Backwater Valves • Floor Drains and Trap Primers • Shower Compartment Design Considerations • Plan Deviations and Reinspection Fees |
| 3/20/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitation for Input on Plumbing Fixture Lists • Updated Condensate Disposal Policy • Updated P-20 Document (Single Stack Sovent/Provent) Posted to Website • Notice of Solids Interceptors for Brewery Projects • 2021 Code Updates: Horizontal Wet Vents and Emergency Floor Drains |
| 2/22/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit Issuance Limited to Licensed Plumbing Contractor |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitation for Design Experience Using UPC Appendix M • Lab Gas Pressure Matrix Required • Notice About 'For Reference' Sheets in Submitted Plan Sets |
| 1/18/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Opportunity: UPC Appendix M • Water Hammer Arrestors on Domestic Dishwashers • Guide to Backwater Valves: Types, Applications, and Code Requirements |
| 12/20/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of Fabricated SS Fitting 3rd Party Listings Postponed (Again) • Invitation to Join Policy Advisory Committee • Guidance on Plan Review Requirements • Guidance on Townhouse Permitting • Horizontal Venting Below Fixture Flood Level |
| 11/15/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of Fabricated SS Fitting 3rd Party Listings Postponed • Notice of Upcoming Staff Training Days • Request for Feedback via Survey • Indirect Receptors Required for Indirect Waste • Guidance on Resubmitting a Set of Plans • Best Management Practices for Rooftop Dog Runs |
| 10/19/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Upcoming Staff Training Days • Permit Extension Policy Returned to Pre-COVID (1 Standard Extension) • Request for Feedback via Survey • Design Guidance Revision Posted • Intro to Plan Review Guidance References in Correction Comments • Plan Review Timeline Update • Full Article on Stainless Steel Fittings and Listing Requirements |
| 9/20/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State 2021 Code Adoption Update • Unlisted Fabricated Fittings Prohibited • Links Provided to UPC Venting System Presentations • Rescinded Informal Allowance to Combine Water Heater T&P Relief Lines • Updated Plan Review Design Guidance Posted • Sample Plans Under Development • Future Planned Guidance Updates • Article on Heat Pump Water Heater Requirements in 2018 and 2021 Codes |
| 8/16/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Seattle Construction Codes Delayed • Notice of Upcoming Staff Training Days • Explanation of Product Standards and Listings |
| 7/19/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Website Changes in Place • Plan Review Timeline Update • On-Site Nonpotable Water System Draft Rule Available for Review • Plan Review Design Guidance Updates Still in Progress • Potable Water System Disinfection Policy Updated • August 3rd All Staff Meeting Announcement • Training Opportunity: 2021 UPC Code Update Class • Permitting and Plan Review Process Outline |
| 6/21/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new Senior Plans Examiner, Field Inspectors, and Plan Reviewer • 2021 Construction Codes Delayed • Insulation Inspections on Hold • Draft of Updated Plan Review Design Guidance Available for Review |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water System Disinfection Policy Updates Posted |
| 5/16/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABS or PVC Fittings Larger than 6" – Listing Requirements Domestic Water System Disinfection Policy Plan Review Design Guidance Updates Under Development Insulation Installation Advisory Group Meeting Announcement |
| 4/20/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 Seattle Construction Codes Delayed Insulation Installation Advisory Group Meeting Announcement Updated Occupancy and Use Document Posted |
| 3/30/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Website Change Announcement |
| 3/16/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insulation Inspection Advisory Group Created Announcement for Occupancy and Use Document Update Meeting Contacting Plan Review Team |
| 2/16/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plumbing Inspector and Plans Examiner Job Announcements Occupancy and Use Document Revisions in Progress King County Amendments to 2018 Washington State Energy Code Pipe Insulation Inspections Beginning July 2023 ONWS Public Comment Period Open (WAC 246-275) Contacting Plan Review Team |
| 2/13/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONWS Public Comment Period Open (WAC 246-275) |
| 1/18/2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Plumbing Plans Examiner Position Open Plan Review Updates: Occupancy & Use, Houseboats Electric Tankless Water Heaters & T&P Relief Pipe Insulation Inspections Beginning July 2023 |
| 12/7/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome New Assistant Chief and Assistant Division Director Code Update: Water Heater T&P Discharge Pipe Insulation Inspections Beginning July 2023 |
| 7/27/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome New Inspectors Assistant Chief Plumbing Inspector Position Open Permit Technician Position Open Assistant Division Director Position Open Private Well Damage After Wildfires |
| 3/16/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Assistant Chief Plumbing Inspector Position Created Updated Food Establishment Handout (by Food Program) |
| 2/22/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plumbing Inspector Job Announcement |
| 1/20/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome New Chief Plumbing Inspector HB-1184 On-Site Nonpotable Water Systems Plumbing & Gas Year-End Total Inspections & Plan Reviews ASPE CPD Permitted to Inspect Sovent/Provent Systems Updated Permit Renewal Policy (Two Extensions) Request for Topics |
| 12/16/2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome New Inspectors New Senior Plans Examiner Position Created Exemption for Food Establishment Plan Review (30 Occupants or Less) Occupancy and Use Document Updated |

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| <p>11/16/2021</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to PHSKC Plumbing & Gas Piping Newsletter• Collaboration with Industry (Plan Review & Sample Plans)• Expedited Plan Review Ending 12/31/2021• Minimum Plumbing Fixtures (SBC Ch 29) Reviewed by SDCI for 2018 Projects• Plumbing Inspector Job Announcement• Feedback Survey |
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