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Addition to RV – General Information

Recreational Vehicles and Recreational Park Trailers (RV's) are regulated in part by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). Definitions for Recreational Vehicles may be found in WAC 296-150R and for Park Models in WAC 296-150P. The construction standard for RV's does not conform to the standards for site built construction found in the International Codes as adopted in RCW 19.27, the Washington State Building Code. As such, "additions" to recreational vehicles are approached differently than additions to site built structures as the construction differences between the RV and site built structure, constructed to the International Residential Code (IRC), are not readily compatible.

"Additions" to recreational vehicles must be completely structurally independent and may not enclose, encapsulate or obstruct the connection to and removal of the recreational vehicle from the site in any way.

The Means of Egress (doors and windows) in a recreational vehicle may not be obstructed in any way without written approval of the plan from L&I. Any and all proposed alterations to an RV will need written L&I approval.

The design of some "additions" to an RV may require that the plans be drawn by a registered Washington State design professional (architect or engineer).

Flashing to seal the common walls/roofs between the "addition" and RV may be done in a manner approved by L&I, the Grant County Building Department and the manufacturer of the products.

The RV must be able to be pulled away from the "addition" without incurring any structural impact to the RV or addition.

Recreational Vehicles and Recreational Park Trailers are, by State definition, intended primarily to provide temporary living quarters for recreational or seasonal use. Site built structures for residential use however are intended to be permanent and must be constructed in full conformance with the IRC, International Mechanical Code (IMC), Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) and any other applicable codes as adopted in RCW 19.27.

The approval of a permit for construction of an "addition" to an RV does not in any way constitute an approval of use of the RV for any purpose other than what is prescribed in WAC 296-150R and WAC 296-150P. The County does not issue permits for the use or placement of recreational vehicles.

Contact the Grant County Planning Department for zoning information regarding recreational vehicles.