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To: Interested Parties
From: Gregg Schrader, Building Official
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Subject: 2009 International Codes

On July 1, 2010 the 2009 suite of International Codes will go into effect on a statewide basis. As permitted by the State Building Code Act (RCW 19.27), cities and counties are permitted to amend the codes provided the amendments do not diminish the requirements. In other words, any amendments must result in an equivalent or more stringent code than prescribed by the State.

The International Codes are excellent documents that have been through a rigorous process before publication and our goal is to limit amendments to those areas where we feel the code inadequately addresses an issue, or to achieve regional consistency with other local cities.

As we review, consider and propose to City Council any amendments to the 2009 International Codes, we would like to ensure that stakeholder feedback is taken into account. If you have suggestions, proposals, or simply areas of concern, we strongly encourage you to convey your thoughts using this email address (2009ICodes@Bellevuewa.gov). In addition we will be hosting a number of focus groups this fall to further the dialogue.

If you have not already purchased a copy of the International Code(s) you can access a number of vendors by doing a web search using "2009 International Codes" to search. You might also find the Washington State Building Code Council's web site (<http://www.sbcc.wa.gov>) to see proposed amendments that are being considered on a state-wide basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Schrader".

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