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# **Certificate of Occupancy Not Issued for One or Two-Family Residences**

**The City of Kent does not issue Certificates of Occupancy for one or two-family residences, certain townhouses or their accessory structures regulated by the International Residential Code. Section 14.01.040 of the Kent City Code repeals section R110 of the International Residential Code, eliminating requirements or provisions for a Certificate of Occupancy for these structures.**

**Structures exempt from Certificate of Occupancy requirements must still comply with all other provisions of the International Residential Code, as amended by the state of Washington and the City of Kent and any other pertinent laws, codes or regulations. The absence of a requirement in this code for a Certificate of Occupancy does not nullify any provisions of such other pertinent laws, codes or regulations.**

**Final inspection approval of the building and its plumbing and mechanical systems by the City of Kent is required by section R109.1.6 of the International Residential Code prior to occupancy and is typically documented on the permit job card issued with the permit and in inspection records. No other final approval to occupy these structures is issued.**

Steven Wilson, CBO.

Building Official