



ORDINANCE NO. 4104-25

An ORDINANCE updating the City of Everett’s amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code, amending EMC 16.09.010

WHEREAS,

- A.** Under Chapter 16.005 of the Everett Municipal Code, 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (“IPMC”) as published by the International Code Council, Inc. was automatically adopted by the City when it became effective.
- B.** In 2024, the Everett City Council adopted by Ordinance 4052-24 certain Everett-specific amendments to the IPMC, which are contained in EMC 16.09.010. The purpose of this Ordinance is to further amend EMC 16.09.010 to revise IPMC Section 404.3.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF EVERETT DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Subsection O of EMC 16.09.010 is amended as follows, with underlined text added and strikeout-text deleted. Subsections other than subsection O are not amended and are provided below only for context.

16.09.010 Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code (hereinafter referred to as the “IPMC”).

- A.** Section 101.1 of the IPMC is hereby replaced with the following:

These regulations shall be known as the International Property Maintenance Code of the City of Everett, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

- B.** Sections 103.1, 103.2, and 103.3 of the IPMC are hereby replaced with the following:

103.1 Enforcement Procedures. The provisions of this chapter are enforced as provided in Chapter [1.20](#) of the Everett Municipal Code (“EMC”).

103.2 Enforcement Personnel.

103.2.1 Code Official. Consistent with Chapter [16.005](#), EMC, the City’s “code official,” as used by this code, is the City’s Building Official. For the purposes of Chapter [1.20](#) EMC, the City’s Building Official is also a “code enforcement officer.”

103.2.2 Code Enforcement Unit Supervisor. The Code Enforcement Unit Supervisor shall be the City Building Official's designated agent and shall hold, in common with the Building Official, all authorities, powers, and responsibilities under this code. The Code Enforcement Unit Supervisor is both a code official for the purposes of this code and a code enforcement officer for the purposes of Chapter [1.20](#) EMC. Notwithstanding any language in this code, the Building Official is authorized to enforce the provisions of this code, and the Code Enforcement Unit Supervisor exercises authority and responsibility under the direction of the Building Official.

103.2.3 Code Enforcement Officers. Day-to-day implementation, administration, and enforcement of this code shall be by the City's Code Enforcement Unit under the oversight and direction of the Code Enforcement Unit Supervisor. Individuals hired to serve as the unit's Code Enforcement Officers shall have the powers delegated to them by the City's Building Official or Code Enforcement Unit Supervisor.

C. Section 105.5 of the IPMC is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

All notices and orders issued under this code shall be issued as set forth in Chapter [1.20](#) EMC.

D. Sections 107 and 108 of the IPMC are hereby replaced with the following:

SECTION 107 MEANS OF APPEAL

107.1 Means of Appeal. Appeals are governed by the provisions of Chapter [1.20](#) EMC.

E. Sections 109.2 through 109.5 of the IPMC are hereby deleted in their entirety.

F. Section 111.4 of the IPMC, including Sections 111.4.1 and 111.4.2, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

G. Sections 112.5 and 112.6 of the IPMC are hereby deleted in their entirety.

H. Section 113.1 of the IPMC is hereby replaced with the following:

When, after review of a structure, the code official's judgment is that the structure is vacant, unsecured, and creating a public nuisance or so deteriorated or dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, insanitary, or otherwise unfit for human habitation or occupancy, the code official shall order the owner of the premises upon which the structure is located, or the owner's authorized agent, as follows:

If the code official's judgment is that it is unreasonable to repair the structure; to demolish and remove such structure; or

If the code official's judgment is that the structure is capable of being made safe by repairs; to repair and make safe and sanitary or to board up and hold for future repair or to demolish and remove at the owner's option; or

If the code official's judgment is that there has been a cessation of normal construction of any structure for a period of more than two years; to demolish and remove such structure, or board up until future use.

Boarding the building up for future repair shall not extend beyond one year, unless approved by the code official.

I. Section 113.2 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

J. The following definition is added to Section 202, "General Definitions," of the IPMC:

"PUBLIC NUISANCE." Any condition which annoys, injures, interferes with or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others and affects the rights of a community or neighborhood although the extent of the damage may be unequal.

K. Sections 302.4, 302.6, 302.8, and 302.9 of the IPMC are hereby deleted in their entirety.

L. Section 304.2 of the IPMC is hereby replaced with the following:

When it is discovered that the lack of protective treatment is causing or has caused deterioration to exterior wood or metal surfaces, the code official has the authority to determine the level of deterioration of the exterior wood or metal surfaces.

M. Section 304.14 of the IPMC is hereby deleted in its entirety.

N. Section 304.17 of the IPMC is hereby deleted in its entirety.

O. Section 404.3 of the IPMC is hereby replaced with the following:

Habitable spaces, hallways, corridors, laundry areas, bathrooms, toilet rooms and habitable basement areas shall have a minimum clear ceiling height of 6 feet 8 inches (2033 mm).

Exceptions:

~~1. In one- and two-family dwellings, beams or girders spaced not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and projecting not greater than 6 inches (152 mm) below the required ceiling height.~~

21. Attic and basement rooms in one- and two-family dwellings having a minimum finished ceiling height of 6 feet 8 inches (2033 mm) with a minimum clear height of 6 feet 4 inches (1932 mm) under beams, girders, ducts, and similar obstructions.

32. Rooms occupied exclusively for sleeping, study or similar purposes and having a sloped ceiling over all or part of the room, with a minimum clear ceiling height of 6 feet 8 inches (2033 mm) over not less than one-third of the required minimum floor area. In calculating the floor area of such rooms, only those portions of the floor area with a minimum clear ceiling height of 5 feet (1524 mm) shall be included.

P. Section 606.2 of the IPMC is hereby updated with the following:

606.2 Elevators. In buildings equipped with passenger elevators, not less than one elevator shall be maintained in operation at all times when the building is occupied.

Exception: Buildings equipped with only one elevator shall be permitted to have the elevator temporarily out of service for testing or servicing.

Exception: If it can be shown that the building could be constructed under the currently adopted building codes, without requiring an elevator, then an existing elevator would be allowed to be removed.

Q. Appendix A of the IPMC is adopted in its entirety.

R. Appendix B of the IPMC is not adopted.

Section 2. The following is provided for reference and may not be complete:

EMC Amended by this Ordinance	Ordinance History of EMC Amended by this Ordinance
EMC 16.09.010	Ordinance 4052-24

Section 3. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any internal references.

Section 4. The City Council hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, it is the intent of the City Council that it would have passed all portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Section 5. The enactment of this Ordinance shall not affect any case, proceeding, appeal or other matter currently pending in any court or in any way modify any right or liability, civil or criminal, which may be in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 6. It is expressly the purpose of this Ordinance to provide for and promote the health, safety and welfare of the general public and not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or benefited by the terms of this Ordinance. It is the specific intent of this Ordinance that no provision or any term used in this Ordinance is intended to impose any duty whatsoever upon the City or any of its officers or employees. Nothing contained in this Ordinance is intended nor shall be construed to create or form the basis of any liability on the part of the City, or its officers, employees or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from any action or inaction on the part of the City related in any manner to the enforcement of this Ordinance by its officers, employees or agents.



Cassie Franklin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marista Jorve, City Clerk

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