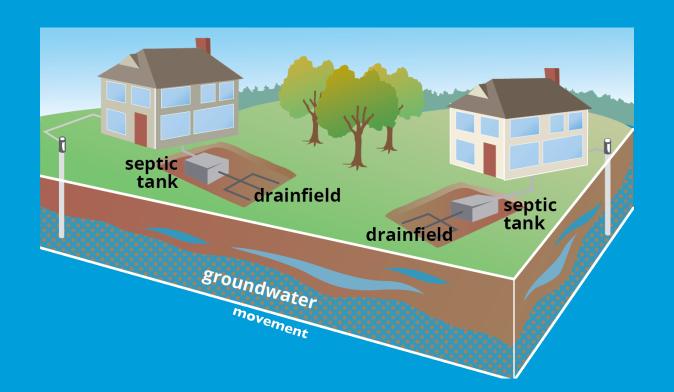
On-site Sewage System (OSS) 2024 Code Revisions





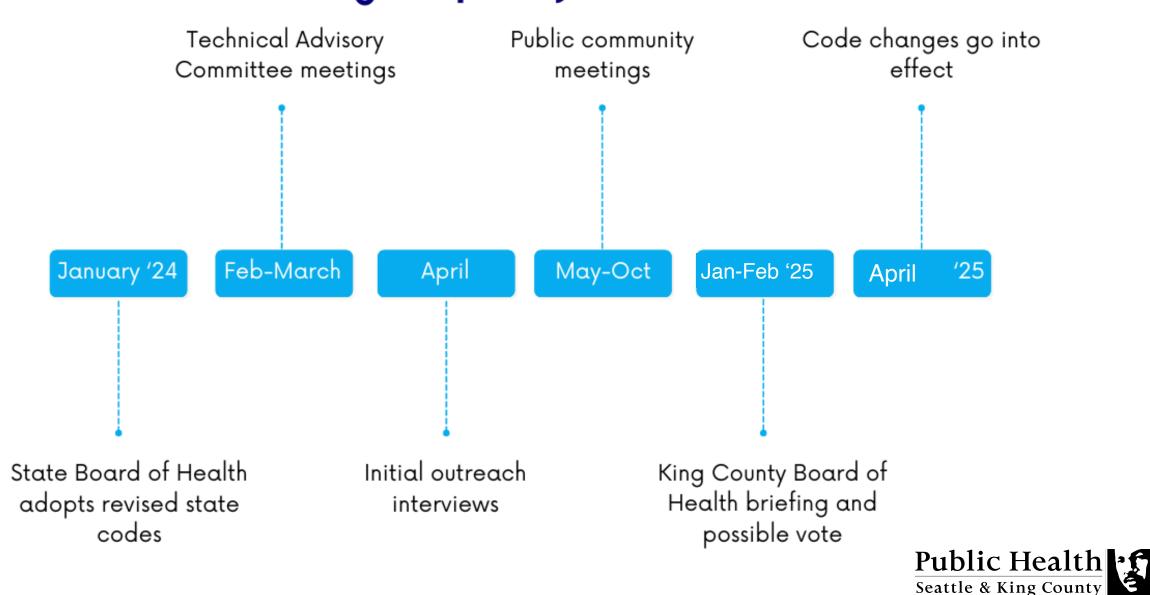
Code Revisions:

- The Washington State Board of Health recently approved revisions to the statewide OSS rules
- King County is updating septic codes to comply with these recent state code changes
- This is also an opportunity to make changes to improve septic regulations in King County
- Goal is to reduce costs, remove barriers, and simplify language.





Timeline - 2024 On-site Sewage/Septic System Code Revisions



Over the last 8 months, King County OSS Program has:

- Created an outreach project
- Held meetings for 711 registered folks
- Received surveys from 614 people
- Sent over 700 emails to groups & individuals
- Seen 10,256 people visit project website, with 15,745 views
- Grown the OSS Newsletter from 500 to 850 subscribers
- Posted 47 social media posts
 - Seen 181,918 times
 - Shared 301 times
 - Interacted with 1,131 times (likes and dislikes)



Codes that reduce costs

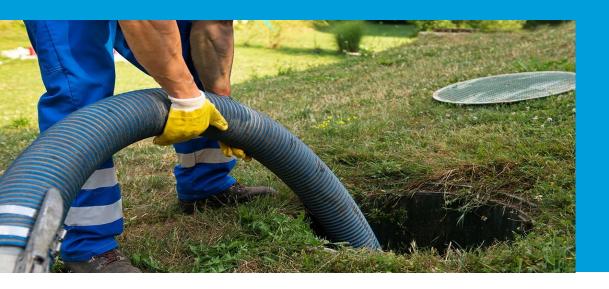
- 13.04.050 Add waiver process to permit OSS replacement when sewer connection is not feasible
- 13.60.010 Reduce inspection frequency for proprietary OSS
- 13.56.054 Remove some requirements for notices on title
- Throughout Minor repairs no longer require permits





Codes that remove barriers

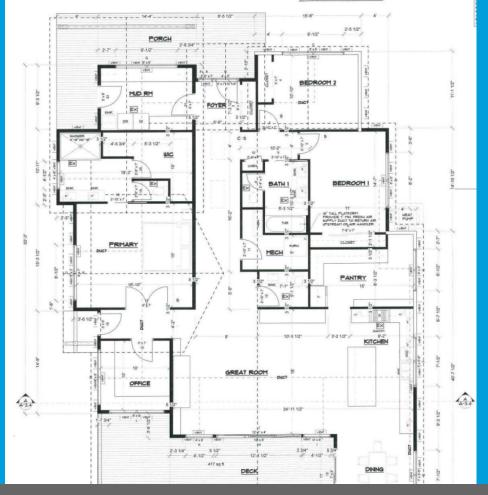
- 13.48.010 Allow smaller pressure distribution drainfields
- 13.28.070 Reduce ADU sizing requirements
- 13.68.010 Reframe pumper certification as pumper/technician certification allowed to pump and inspect gravity OSS
- 13.60.030 Extend TOS inspection timeline from 6 months to 12 months





Oversight aligned with risk

- 13.60.010 Require that OSS failures are reported within 5 business days - no fee for this report
- 13.08.010 Create bedroom definition
- 13.20.030, 13.20.035, 13.68.050 Add Code of Performance and Ethics - hold industry accountable



Bedroom means a room used for sleeping and that includes a window, a door, and a closet. Bedroom does not include a room smaller than seventy square feet in area with a closet, or an entry way with a closet. For the purposes of this title, "window" includes a means of egress, other than a door, under section R310.1 of the International Residential Code, 2018 edition.





Next steps

- Proposed language and comments provided will be posted on OSS website.
- The BOH will consider the proposals in January and February 2025.
- The codes would go into effect on April 1, 2025.

Sign up for updates at www.kingcounty.gov/oss/alerts.



Thank you so much!

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