



Heating Requirement Affidavit

Permit Address: _____

Building Permit #: _____

Background: The State Building Code Council was notified by the industry that because of the current global microchip shortage, they are not able to obtain the outdoor portion of residential heat pumps. Because the equipment is frequently installed component to achieving the required energy credits in the residential energy code, there is a concern that projects already permitted and in construction will not be able to obtain a certificate of occupancy, which in turn can also affect the financing. In response and pursuant to the authority granted by RCW 19.27A.045; RCW 19.27A.020; and RCW 34.05.350, the State Building Code Council adopted an emergency rule on October 15, 2021 modifying the requirements of WAC 51-11R-10400, -46021 to allow the partial installation of heat pumps to receive the credit allotted under Table C406.3 during the current lack of compressors and/or parts. This emergency rule was adopted to specify that homes can still receive the certificate of occupancy and the required energy credits while still waiting on installation of the outdoor compressor unit.

IRC R303.10 - Every dwelling unit shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a minimum room temperature of 68°F at a point 3 feet above the floor and 2 feet from exterior walls in all habitable rooms at design temperature. The installation of one or more portable heaters shall not be used to achieve compliance with this section.

In signing and submitting this form, I _____ (contractor name), swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington the following is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge:

I, the contractor, have supplied code compliant heating per the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) Section R303.10.

- I, the contractor, have provided a copy of a fully executed contract signed by myself and the homeowner for installation of the outdoor portion of the heat pump system, which shall occur as soon as the equipment is available from the distributor.
- I, the contractor, agree that I am responsible to ensure that the heat pump will be installed upon arrival, in full compliance with the 2018 Washington State Energy Code.
- I, the contractor, agree to assume full responsibility for any damage to and/or voiding of warranty(s) of equipment that is used for heating the home at the address listed above until such time as the complete heat pump system is installed.
- I, the contractor, agree to schedule any applicable inspections for my project at the address listed above. I also understand I am responsible for resolving any failure to meet code requirements that may be found through inspections.

Contractor Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Homeowner(s) Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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