



Inspection Services
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Seismic Upgrade Ordinance

18.06.050 SEISMIC RESTRAINTS FOR EXISTING RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. Persons applying for a building permit for any addition to or remodel of an existing residential building shall be required to allocate an amount equal to a percentage of the valuation of the proposed work for the purpose of installing seismic restraints in the existing building and its contents.

The percentage is one percent (1%) of the building permit valuation, but in no case shall the mandatory amount exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

The following measures may be used singly or in combination to reach the required amount:

	<u>Credits</u>
a) Add new perimeter foundation and stemwall system	\$ 500.00
b) Secure sills to foundation	200.00
c) Provide shear panels to cripple walls	500.00
d) Provide lateral bracing at piers to exterior walls	200.00
e) Stabilize masonry chimney	200.00
f) Provide interior shear walls	500.00
g) Provide shear panels at garage door	100.00
h) Provide adequate lateral bracing of porches, decks, patio roofs and other attachments	100.00
i) Provide hot water heater restraints	25.00
j) Provide furnace restraints	25.00
k) Provide wall ties on tall free-standing furniture	25.00
l) Provide emergency tools for shut-off valves on gas and water services, including directions for location and operation of valves and switches for electrical main shut off	

Other methods may be proposed by permit applicant for approval by the Chief Building Official, who will evaluate the proposal and compute credits according to the merits of the work to be performed.

If applicant can demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Chief Building Official, that applicant's existing residential building complies with applicable sections of Ch. 16 of the Uniform Building Code, then applicant may, at the discretion of the Chief Building Official, receive partial or complete exemption from the requirements of this section.

No additional building permit fees will be charged for the above seismic retrofit work.

Provide \$ _____

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