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## Permit Center

# 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.**

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