

DETERMINING ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY FOR A BUILDING PERMIT



AND, IF A SITE DOES NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY, THE APPROPRIATE PROCESS TO HANDLE THE PERMIT

STEP 1— ASK: Applicant about the Water Source?

Public

Well

Pre-Law

Post-Law

The well was constructed before January 19, 2018.

The well was not constructed before January 19, 2018.

Requirements

- Municipal/ Public Water Availability Form¹
- No fee
- No covenant

Requirements

- Copy of well report or flow test in lieu of a well report
- No fee
- No covenant

STEP 2 (IF NECESSARY) — ASK: What Watershed is it In?

Cowlitz
Green on Map

Requirements

- Well report
- No fee
- No covenant

Chehalis/Nisqually
Yellow on Map

Requirements

- Well report
- \$500 fee
- Limited to domestic use only
- Limited to a maximum annual average withdrawal of:
 - 3,000 gpd connection — (Chehalis/Nisqually Only)
 - 950 gpd per connection — (Deschutes Only)
- Must include relevant restrictions or limitations associated with the water supply recorded with the property title and building permit.

Or Deschutes
Red on Map

Implementing ESSB 6091 in response to Hirst. Based in part on the Department of Ecology memo dated January 29, 2018.

- Other requirements related to tracking and the Deschutes WRIA apply.
- Adequate water is necessary for a building permit necessitating potable water. Other reviews such as road approaches, septic permits, critical areas review, etc. may proceed before adequate water has been shown.

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¹ Assumes a sufficient number of water rights/connections are available for the public or municipal system