



Code Interpretation

Subject of Interpretation:

Accessory Living Quarters attachment requirements

Zoning Ordinance Section Number:

Kitsap County Title 17.110.025

Title of Section:

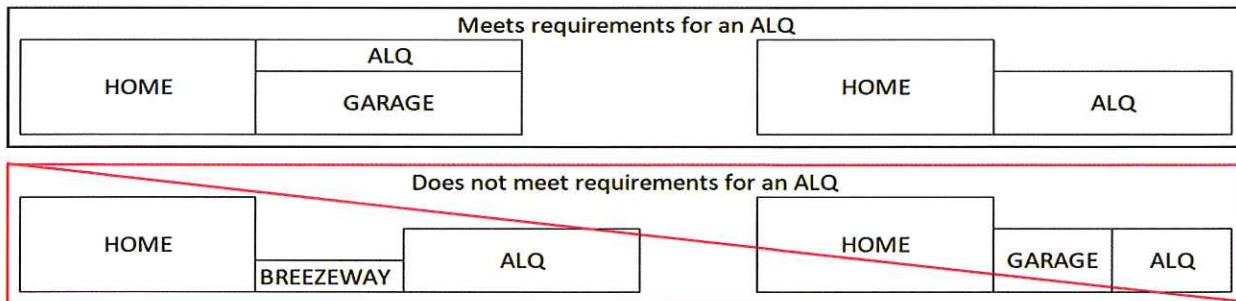
Accessory Living Quarters (ALQ)

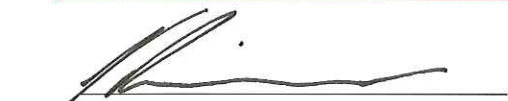
Cause for Interpretation:

The Zoning code states that an “Accessory living quarters” means separate living quarters contained within the primary residence”. The Department of Community Development’s (DCD) policy and past practice has been that an ALQ is considered within the structure if it is directly connected to the habitable space of the single-family dwelling unit for the parcel. The question has been asked though if it would still be considered an ALQ if the only connection to the Single-Family dwelling unit is a Breezeway or a garage.


Interpretation:

The use of a breezeway or garage to connect an ALQ to single-family dwelling unit does not meet the intent of the code. The intent is that an ALQ will be a portion of the Single-Family dwelling unit. This could include a unit attached to the dwelling and sharing a common heated wall or a unit located over a garage attached to the dwelling by means of a common wall (examples below). Alternate configurations other than the two listed in these scenarios are not considered to meet the intent of the code.




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