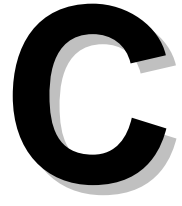




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## Regulations and Codes

Whatcom County Planning & Development Services enforces the following [Whatcom County Codes](#) (WCC):

- Title 15, Building and Construction
- Title 16, Critical Areas Ordinance
- Title 20, Zoning Ordinance
- Title 21, Subdivision Ordinance
- Title 23, Shoreline Management Program

## Citizen's Inquiry Report (CIR)

A complaint regarding compliance with any of these codes may be submitted by completing a Citizen's Inquiry Report (CIR). Upon your request, a CIR will be sent to you via email, fax or regular mail.

When PDS receives a completed CIR, the information is entered into a case tracking computer program, assigned a case priority level, and then given to an enforcement officer for follow-up action. Please be aware that Planning & Development Services receives hundreds of inquiries each year. Therefore, there may be some delay before your case can be reviewed.

Violation of the Whatcom County Code may result in enforcement action ranging from administrative orders, fines, tickets and/or criminal prosecution (depending upon the nature and extent of the violation).

Furthermore, Whatcom County Planning & Development Services may cooperate with other enforcement and/or environmental agencies if those agencies become involved.

## Special instructions

When completing the CIR, please remember to describe the nature and the location of the violation(s) as thoroughly as possible. Maps, illustrations, and/or photographs may be included to better depict the violation.

## Confidentiality

You may request confidentiality when you submit a CIR. If confidentiality is requested, complainant information will be protected to the fullest extent provided for by law.

## Information

Public inquiries can be made in person or by phone Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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