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TINY HOUSES

Tiny houses do require a building permit!

You can apply at www.us.cloudpermit.com/login

Tiny houses are often confused with a Park Model RV. They are separate structures and are not regulated the same way. Be sure to discuss your project with the Planning Department and the Building Department early in your process to determine if additional permits will be required. Additionally, these structures must meet the [Skamania County minimum design criteria](#) for your area.

TINY HOUSES - STICK BUILT

Tiny houses are regulated by the [WA State Residential Code, Appendix Q](#) and are defined as: "A dwelling that is 400 square feet or less in floor area excluding sleeping lofts." Tiny Houses regulated by the building code are NOT Park Model RV's or Tiny Houses on Wheels. Tiny Houses are built on-site and are permitted the same as other single-family dwellings regardless of their size. The only differentiating factor is that tiny houses that are 400 square feet or less are regulated by Appendix Q. Tiny Houses built on site will go through the same permitting process as any Single-Family Dwelling.

TINY HOUSES - ON WHEELS

Tiny houses on wheels can be permitted as permanent dwelling units, like how Manufactured Homes are permitted. Tiny houses on wheels used as permanent dwellings in Skamania County cannot be self-contained. These units must be placed on a foundation, have approved water and septic connections and be constructed to the Skamania County Minimum Design Requirements for snow load. No exceptions. Additionally, these units require [WA State L&I](#) approval if they are constructed and sold in WA State and must contain a state insignia.

Tiny Houses on Wheels constructed out of state may or may not be able to be permitted as single-family dwellings and you must check with WA State L&I before applying for any local building permits.