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6 STOREY WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION FAQ'S Building Standard Division – Commercial Permit Section

Q: What is 6 storey wood frame construction?

A: 6 storey wood frame construction consists of mid-rise commercial and/or residential buildings made out of wood instead of traditional steel or concrete materials up to six storeys in building height.

Q: As an applicant, when can I apply?

A: Upon printing of the 2015 National Building Code (NBC), Building Standards will be accepting building permit applications for 6 storey wood frame construction through the Building Standards Alternative Solution Process, supported by the 2015 NBC framework. The 2015 NBC is anticipated to be printed in early 2016.

Q: As an applicant, what will I be required to submit?

A: The building permit application shall include all submission requirements as stated on the Commercial Building and Development Permit Application form for a building designed under the scope of Part 3 of the NBC. The application shall also include an Alternative Solution document. Please visit the Building Standards page of the City of Saskatoon website for more details on the Commercial Building Permit Application forms.

Form: https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/building-standards/commercial_permit_application.pdf

Q: What is an Alternative Solution?

A: The Alternative Solution Process allows designers to propose alternative designs that achieve at least the minimum level of performance of the prescriptive requirements of the NBC. The Alternative Solution for a 6 storey wood frame construction building shall be supported by the 2015 NBC framework. Please visit the Building Standards page of the City of Saskatoon website for more details Alternative Solutions.

Form: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/building-renovations-permits/forms-brochures>

Q: Can both NBC codes (2010 NBC and 2015 NBC) be used for a building design?

A: A building designed under two Codes is not permitted.

Q: What areas of the Saskatoon can 6 Storey Wood Frame Construction be located in?

A: Key areas such as downtown, north downtown, University of Saskatchewan lands and 22nd Street, Idylwyld Drive, 8th Street, College Drive and Preston Avenue corridors. Please contact Development Services at 306-975-2645 if you require additional information on zoning requirements.