



Policy 9.2

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Outstanding Building Permits

Policy Statement:

The District of Sooke shall review all outstanding building permits issued prior to incorporation pursuant to Capital Regional District bylaws and after incorporation, pursuant to the District of Sooke bylaws and only those meeting one of the following criteria will receive active enforcement:

- i) Building permits issued where not more than 3 years have lapsed from the date of issue; or
- ii) Building permits issued for a structure intended for commercial use, institutional use, or public assembly; or
- iii) Building permits issued for buildings or structures that are known by the District to have outstanding safety issues that may not have been resolved.

All building permit files not meeting the above criteria shall not be actively pursued for enforcement and those files shall be closed. Owners of property with an outstanding building permit will be encouraged to complete the requirements of the outstanding building permit and obtain an occupancy permit where applicable.

Policy Objective:

To pursue compliance with health and safety requirements to the extent that is feasible and to reduce any potential liability exposure of the District of Sooke in relation to incomplete building permit files.

Policy Background:

Due to the number of outstanding building permits, the age of some permits, and the limited financial resources of the District of Sooke, it may be a severe financial burden to actively pursue all permits.

Policy Goal:

It is the District of Sooke's responsibility to monitor the provisions of the BC Building Code.