



## CDHD PROJECT REVIEW GUIDELINES – Revised 5/06/2026

### 1. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS THAT REQUIRE CDHD REVIEW

- NEW HOME – Septic Permit or Connection Permit required.
- ADU – Accessory Dwelling Unit – Septic Permit or Connection Permit required.
- SHOP/GARAGE/POOL HOUSE with bathroom (plumbing) – no bedrooms – Septic Permit or Connection Permit required.
- POOL CONSTRUCTION – Project Review Application
- HOME REMODEL – Adding bedroom(s) – Project Review required, if septic system not adequately sized will require a Septic System Expansion Permit.

- Note: Connections to septic systems > 2 years old will require an O&M Septic System Inspection.
- Note: Commercial Building Projects are typically reviewed by CDHD through Land Use Reviews.
- Note: Property requires an onsite septic system.

- Refer clients to CDHD SmartGov Portal for permit application process. <https://www.cdhd.wa.gov/smartgov>

### 2. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE CDHD REVIEW BASED ON MINIMUM LAND AREA AVAILABLE.

- If water supply to property is **public** water source – lots <0.5 acres (21,780 sq.ft.) will require project review.
- If water supply to property is **private** water source – lots <1.0 acres will require project review.

#### List of Projects that will require a project review if minimum lot size criteria are not met.

- SHOP/GARAGE/POOL HOUSE – no plumbing
- HOME REMODEL – No additional bedroom(s) – original footprint expanded

### 3. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS THAT WILL NOT REQUIRE CDHD REVIEW

- The above listed projects that meet minimum lot size criteria.
- Any project that does not have an onsite septic system. (lot has access or is connected to community/municipal sewer system)
- HOME REMODELS – same footprint (Interior remodels with no added bedrooms)
- DECKS
- DOCKS
- FENCES
- Other structures not listed above at the discretion of the County

For Building Permit Applications that do not require CDHD review please add the following disclaimer to the application:

“Health District requires placement of structure to meet minimum setbacks from all septic system components and designated reserve drainfield areas.” Reference WAC 246-272A-0210.