

General information

Anyone can request that staff make a written interpretation of the code. Staff interpretations are provided as a way to clarify or define specific code language. Examples include interpretations of whether a particular use is allowed in a land use (zoning) district or an interpretation of how particular regulations are applied.

Interpretations are not tools that can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of a particular code provision, nor are they tools that can be used to establish new policy. A staff interpretation is not binding upon the Hearings Officer, Design Commission, Planning Commission or City Council. City Council has the only ultimate authority to interpret the Gresham Community Development Code (GCDC).

Code

Details for a staff code interpretation can be found in Gresham Community Development Code (GCDC) under **Section 11.0107**.

Application materials

- Non-refundable fee of **\$271**.
- A completed **application**.
- Fifteen copies of a **written statement**.
The statement must identify the code language requested to be interpreted, the applicable code section number(s), or the issue the GCDC does not address. Depending on the interpretation requested, the discussion may need to include other supporting documents (i.e. site plan, maps, photographs) explaining the issue.

Timeline (3-4 months)

A request for staff interpretation will follow the review process for a Minor Type II procedure (**GCDC Section 11.0400**).

