

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN  
BOARD POLICY**

**POLICY:** Decommissioning a Dwelling Unit

**AUTHORITY:** Board Resolution dated June 16, 2016.

**AMENDED:** Board Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) requires that a building or structure which constitutes a dwelling unit under the applicable Zoning Bylaw or BC Building Code, and which is not in compliance with the applicable Zoning Bylaw or BC Building Code regulations be decommissioned.

**PURPOSE**

To inform staff, developers, builders, subcontractors, designers and home owners of the Regional District's requirements for decommissioning a dwelling unit.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Development Services Department

**PROCEDURES**

The decommissioning of a dwelling unit will involve, at a minimum, the removal of the following:

- all bathrooms in excess of one (1) including tubs, showers, sinks, toilets, exhaust fans, waterlines and associated drain lines;
- the kitchen range hood, exhaust fan and applicable exhaust venting and wiring;
- 220-volt stove outlet (and capping of wiring to the electrical panel) and/or natural gas rough-in;
- all upper kitchen cabinets and washroom vanities; and
- all counter space and lower cabinets in excess of 1.5 metres.

All works related to the decommissioning of a dwelling unit shall be the subject of a Building Permit application showing the decommissioning plan and related structural changes and/or demolition.

All decommissioned buildings and structures shall comply with the applicable zoning regulations for an "accessory building and structure" (i.e. building heights, setbacks, bathroom floor area, etc.).