



City of Seattle  
**Department of Planning & Development**

## **2012 SBC Code Solution**

**Section 1203.3**  
**Vapor Barrier for Crawl Spaces**  
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*The following interpretation, policy or code alternate is intended to provide guidance to staff for consistency of review and is subject to change without notice. Application of this interpretation, policy or code alternate to specific projects may vary.*

### **Code Issue:**

Are vapor barriers required for ventilation of crawl spaces?

### **Interpretation/Policy/Alternate:**

Yes. In November, 2013, the State Building Code Council adopted a rule requiring a ground cover in crawl spaces. DPD will enforce the state rule.

For questions about whether this code solution applies to your project:

- *If you have submitted a permit application, contact the Building Code plan reviewer assigned to your application*
- *If you have not submitted an application, contact DPD Building Code Technical Support at 206-684-4630 or in person at the Applicant Services Center. Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location [http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process\\_Overview/Location\\_Hours/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process_Overview/Location_Hours/default.asp)*



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